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CONGRESS PLANS FOR INDIAN REPUBLIC

Draft Proclamation Under Discussion

GUARANTEES UNDER NEW CONSTITUTION

Nehru To Meet Mahatma During Visit To Calcutta

NEW DELHI, December 10. (A.P.I.): The Proclamation of India as an Independent Sovereign Republic forms a part of a declaration of objectives which has been drafted for discussion by Congress Members of the Constituent Assembly. The draft was considered at a 90-minute meeting of these members this evening and was held over for further examination.

POINTS STRESSED

Points stressed in the draft are: In the Constitution to be drawn up, the territories of British India, the Indian States and other territories willing to be constituted into the Independent Sovereign India be formed into a Union.

Such territories, whether within their present boundaries or with such others as may be determined by the Constituent Assembly and thereafter, according to the Law of the Constitution, shall possess and retain the status of autonomous units, together with residuary powers, and exercise all functions and powers of Government and administration, save and except those that are vested in or assigned to the Union and save and except such powers and functions as are inherent in the Union.

All power and authority of the Sovereign Independent India, its constituent parts and organs of Government are derived from the people.

The Constitution should guarantee and secure to all the people of India justice,—social, economic and political; equality of status, of opportunity and before the law; and freedom of thought, expression, belief, vocation, association and action, subject to law and public morality.

Adequate safeguards be provided for minorities backward areas and classes.

JAWAHAR TO MEET MAHATMA

Pandit Nehru who will visit Calcutta on Monday, Dec. 16, to address the meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce may take the opportunity to proceed to Noakhali and meet Mahatma Gandhi. This will be their first meeting after an interval of six weeks during which vital decisions have been taken by the Congress and by the British Cabinet. These decisions will no doubt be reviewed by the two and the result will influence the discussions which are now in progress among Congress leaders in general, as well as in the Congress Working Committee in Delhi.

For the moment Congress opinion emphasises that the self-confidence with which the Constituent Assembly is settling down to its task is the reply to H.M.G. and when Dr. Rajendra Prasad takes the chair tomorrow as Permanent Chairman, the Constituent Assembly will, in Congress view, enter on a phase of its work which will underline its self-governing and self-directing character.

Tomorrow's proceedings will be largely confined to felicitation of the Permanent Chairman followed by his address. Thereafter the House will begin the process of setting up the Procedure Committee whose terms of Reference were settled at today's meeting of the Constituent Assembly. The appointment of the Committee will be completed on Thursday and it will probably begin its work the same day. In order to give it time to work, the Constituent Assembly may abbreviate its plenary sittings to two hours a day on Thursday and Friday.

On these two days the House is likely to have the draft declaration of objectives to discuss.

The Procedure Committee's report may be ready by Monday next. It will then be discussed by the Assembly before final adoption.

A resolution aiming at a more precise definition of the three subjects assigned to the Union Centre is considered likely to be brought before the Assembly at a suitable stage.

The present phase of the Assembly's work is expected to continue till December 24, when the House will have an adjournment till April.

CONGRESS PARTY COMMITTEE IN ASSEMBLY.

The following is the personnel of the Committee of the Congress Party in the Constituent Assembly:—

Acharya J. B. Kripalani, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Pandit Govind Vallabh Pant, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Dr Rajendra Prasad, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Mr. Shankar Rao Deo, Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, Mr. Rafi Ahmad Kidwai, Sardar Pratap Singh, Acharya Uggal Kishore, Mr. Jairam Dass Daulatram, Dr. Pattabhi Seetaramayya, Dr. M. R. Jayakar, Sir N. Gopalaswami Iyengar, Dr. S. P. Mukerji, Mr. Jagjiwan Ram, Mr. V. J. Muniswami Pillai, Mr. Satya Narain Sinha, Dr. Gopichand Bhargawa Mr Rohini Kumar Chowdhury Dr H. N. Kunzru, Mrs. Hansa Mehta, Mr M. R. Masani, Mr. Nichol Roy, Mr. Frank Anthony and Sardar Ujjal Singh

Congress Executive Meets

The Congress Working Committee today continued general discussion of issues arising from H.M.G.'s statement as they affect various Sections with the Congress. Owing to the weekly Cabinet meeting tomorrow, the Working Committee will not sit but will resume on Thursday.

India Situation Delicate

Attlee's Statement To-day: No Debate This Week

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter): The British Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, will make a statement in the House of Commons tomorrow on the recent negotiations between the British Government and the Indian political leaders.

"Reuter" learned that at a meeting of the Cabinet at 10 Downing Street this morning, the Prime Minister gave his colleagues a review of the talks and acquainted them with the substance of what he will say in tomorrow's statement.

Informed quarters believe that the Prime Minister will not add very much to the statement that was issued by the British Government at the conclusion of last week's negotiations. There is strong feeling in the Cabinet that nothing should be said or done at the moment to prejudice what is regarded as a very delicate situation.

The fact that the statement is to be made tomorrow instead of today push e further into the background the possibility of a debate on India this week. Again the Government, it is understood, is not anxious for a full dress debate for the same reason that they are not anxious to have a controversial statement.

The attitude of the Conservative Party is that until Government has made its statement and the Conservative Party have had an opportunity to consider it in detail they cannot decide whether or not to press for a debate.

The Viceroy, Lord Wavell is still in London and there is no indication when he will be leaving.

No Prospect Of Truce Between Nanking And Yenan

Chiang's Forces Launch Drive On Malanchen: Yengcheng In Kiangsu Stormed

NANKING, Dec. 10 (Reuter): The Communist spokesman, Mr. Wang Pingnam, stated today that there was no possibility of a compromise between the Chinese Government and the Communists. He indicated that the two conditions of General Chou en Lai, the Communist negotiator for the reopening of peace talks,—dissolution of the National Assembly and restoration of troop positions to the status of January 13,—were final.

Mr. Wang Pingnam predicted an indefinite period of fighting and bloodshed until the United States blocked all aid to the Kuomintang, thus forcing the Government to seek resumption of negotiations with a new approach and concessions to the Communists.

Mr. Wang said that convocation of the National Assembly and the nationalists' prosecution of the war had destroyed the basis of the negotiations and another would have to be found before the Central Government and Communist Party leaders could again try to solve the political and military issues.

NANKING OFFENSIVE

Chinese Government troops are driving on Malanchen, 100 miles south-west of Yenan, the first objective in the offensive aimed at the Communist Capital, reports reaching Nanking said today.

The Communists were said to be withdrawing from Malanchen.

A Communist spokesman in Nanking, Mr. Wang Pingnam, described the advance as the "biggest offensive ever launched against the Yenan border region" adding that it might be regarded as the "beginning of an all-out offensive against an area which is the heart of the Chinese Communist Party".

Government troops have also stormed into the important Communist base of Yengcheng in the eastern province of Kiangsu, according to the Chinese press today and fierce street fighting was reported.

The capture of Yengcheng would open the way for a Government drive against Funing—described as the most important Communist base in Kiangsu where they have concentrated some 200,000 troops.

CAMERAMEN SHOOT JOHN LEWIS, THE AMERICAN UNITED MINE WORKERS' LEADER, AS HE ENTERS THE FEDERAL COURT TO ANSWER TO A CHARGE OF CONTEMPT OF COURT.

Teheran Troops March Into Azerbaijan

TEHERAN, Dec. 10 (Reuter): Imperial Persian troops today crossed the border into Azerbaijan, the northern oil province bordering the Soviet Union, and thus brought reality to the threat of civil war which has hung over the country for weeks past.

An official statement in Teheran said that the troops which had met "little resistance", had occupied the heavily fortified town of Ghaflankuh and were advancing towards Mianah, midway between the eastern border and the Capital, Tabriz.

According to the Teheran radio, Government planes today dropped a proclamation in Azerbaijan calling on the people to punish traitors and join the imperial troops.

The Tabriz Radio, the voice of the other side in the "civil war", said last night that Government forces had attacked the province in the east and south and that Kurdish villages in the south had been bombed by Government planes.

NOTE TO GOVERNOR

The Persian Premier Ghavam-es-Sultaneh has sent a message to the Governor of Azerbaijan, Dr. Djavid, saying that he has ordered the security forces to "smash any armed resistance" in their entry into the province to supervise the general elections. "There should be no postponement of the elections", his message added.

BRITISH DENIAL

In London a Foreign Office spokesman denied a Soviet report that the decision to send Central Government troops into the autonomous province had been taken on British advice. The movement of Persian troops within her own territory was entirely a domestic affair, he added.

The Associated Press of America adds:—

The latest Azerbaijan development leaves the election question confused. Some observers said they believe that the actual polling period, which was to have started sometime before December 21, may now be delayed until the Azerbaijan question is settled.

"Tri-Colour Triumph In Goa"

In the issue of the "Bombay Chronicle" of Monday 2nd December a message from a correspondent from Nova Goa was published under the above caption. The message stated:

"Mr. M. R. A. Baig, India's Consul at Nova Goa, has decided not to replace the Indian Tri-colour flying on the bonnet of his car though the Portuguese Governor is reported to have urged its replacement.

"It is my nation's banner, and I feel proud to see it flying on my car", Mr. Baig is reported to have told the Governor."

We are authoritatively informed that the report contained in the above message is entirely incorrect. The incident never took place and there was no conversation on the subject between the Portuguese Governor and Mr. Rashid Ali Baig, India's Consul at Goa.

STOP PRESS

U. S. PLANE CRASH

TOKYO, Dec. 10 (A.P.A.): A United States army transport plane crashed two minutes after taking off to-day from an airfield at Osaka, and all aboard except one person were killed, U. S. Fifth Air Force Headquarters reported.

The number of passengers and crew was not reported, and the cause of the crash is not yet known.

FRENCH GOVT. LEADERSHIP

PARIS, Dec. 10 (A.P.A.): The only possible solution for the leadership of France's new Government is a Socialist or Radical-Socialist Premier, Vincent Auriol, President of the National Assembly, said to-day.

The Party Chiefs were to meet with Auriol at 16-30 hours (G.M.T.) to give their decision on his proposed solution.

GALE HAVOC IN EUROPE

LONDON, Dec. 10 (A.P.A.): Western Europe's most destructive gale in years left wreckage, fog, floods and snow in its wake to-day.

Heavy seas continued in the Mediterranean. Gale warnings were again in force to the north and west of the British Isles.

Fog and ice were general in Northern England, Scotland, Belgium and adjacent countries. Airplanes were grounded at a number of points and in the suburbs of Birmingham, England, two trains collided in fog, injuring several passengers.

JAWAHAR AND RAJENBABU FOR BENARES

BENARES, Dec. 10, (API): Pandit Jawaharlal and Babu Rajendra Prasad are arriving at mid-day on Dec. 15. They will then motor to the Benares Hindu University, where Babu Rajendra Prasad will deliver his convocation address and Pandit Nehru will receive the honorary degree of D.Sc. Both the ministers will leave for Calcutta next morning.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

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New York Stock Exchange opening prices: Anaconda Copper Mining 41-1/4, General Motors 54-1/8, United States Steel Common 73-3/4, United States Steel preference unquoted. (Reuter).

Demand For Overhaul Of Foreign Office

ATTLEE FACES ANOTHER LABOUR REVOLT

External Affairs Group Lines Up With "Rebels"

LONDON, December 10, (Reuter): The British Government is facing another revolt by a section of the Parliamentary Party who are not only dissatisfied with the many aspects of British Foreign Policy but also with the handling of British diplomatic affairs by permanent officials of the Foreign Office.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS GROUP JOINS

The Rebel Group which is the same as that responsible for staging the recent foreign policy revolt, has now got on its side the External Affairs Group of the Parliamentary Labour Party, states Reuter's political correspondent. This group consists of nearly 40 members of Parliament very few of whom can legitimately be criticised as being very much to the left.

The External Affairs Group had a meeting last night and, among other things, decided to ask Prime Minister Clement Attlee several pointed questions on reports that have been published in the United States Press.

PLAN OF ATTACK

These reports have quoted British official sources, particularly the War Office, for saying that the British and the United States Governments have agreed to standardise military equipment.

Answers to questions about these reports in the House of Commons are considered to be unsatisfactory.

Another matter which is concerning the External Affairs Group is the British diplomatic representation abroad. For a long time members of the Labour Party, and not only those associated with the Rebel Group, have complained that Britain's representatives abroad are violently anti-Russian and do not adequately represent Britain's Socialist Government.

They want complete reform of the Foreign Office with fewer career diplomats and more direct Labour Party influence in the Foreign Office.

MAN-POWER SHORTAGE

At the same time Trade Union Members of Parliament are urging the Government to release more men from the forces for industry and pointing out that the export drive on which British prosperity depends cannot reach the desired level unless man-power shortage is overcome.

The Rebels have been urging on the Trade Unionists the view that the present British Foreign Policy necessitates maintenance overseas of far larger armed forces than would be the case if the foreign policy were changed.

Matters are expected to come to a head either when Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, returns to London next week or when legislation to determine the length of the service of conscripts is brought before Parliament after Christmas.

JINNAH INVITES CHURCHILL

LONDON, Dec. 10, (Reuter): The Viceroy, Lord Wavell, members of the Cabinet Mission to India and the Opposition Leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, are among those invited to a luncheon party Mr. Jinnah is giving in London on Thursday.

Others invited include Mr. Anthony Eden, Mr. R. A. Butler of the Conservative Shadow Cabinet, former Viceroy of India, Lord Linlithgow, Lord Cranborne, Lord Simon, Lord Samuel, Lord Addison, the Parliamentary Liberal Party Leader Mr. Clement Davies and the United States Charge D'Affaires (who is acting pending the arrival of the new ambassador.

STORY OF TOO MANY COOKS!

LONDON, Dec. 10, (Reuter): Low, the famous cartoonist, devotes his daily cartoon in the London "Evening Standard" today to the position of the British Government in relation to India.

Lord Pethick-Lawrence, Secretary of State for India, and the Minister of Defence, Mr. A. V. Alexander, and the President of the Board of Trade, Sir Stafford Crippe—the British Cabinet Mission trio to India—are shown as cooks in a large kitchen. The British Premier, Mr. Clement Attlee, as chef is trying to mend the fuse in the fuse-box marked "conciliation." On the kitchen range are three large pots—marked respectively "Egypt solution" "India solution" and "Palestine solution."

The caption reads "another cut in power."

LONDON, December 9. (A.P.A.): Mr. M. A. Jinnah plans to leave on his return trip to India on Sunday, his Private Secretary announced last night.

He will hold a press conference here on Saturday.

MAHATMA CHANGES DAY OF SILENCE

SRIRAMPUR, Dec. 10. (U.P.I.): Mahatma Gandhi has decided to observe henceforward his weekly silence on Sundays instead of on Mondays. This change has been made to the small gatherings at prayers on Sundays, as on that day, villagers hold their weekly bazar.

Shafaat Ahmed Gives Up Title

NEW DELHI, Dec. 10 (A.P.I.): Sir Shafaat Ahmed Khan has authorised the A.P.I. to announce that in view of the changed feelings on the subject of titles in India, he has given up the Knighthood which was conferred on him in 1935 and that he has communicated this decision to the proper authorities.

Plea For Indian Press Officer At India House

LONDON, Dec. 10, (U. P. I.): Prior to his departure for India, Indian journalists in London made a joint representation to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Vice-President of the Indian Interim Government, for "our own Press Officer in the India House" which Panditji promised to consider favourably.

The journalists further indicated their preference to a working journalist as opposed to an I. C. S. man.

They are now discussing the question of embodying their grievances behind the request in a document to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. It is understood that the grievances are not limited to the incompetence of the India Office and India House officials but also to the lack of a dependable news service here which can interpret our national movement in India.

"Monty" Back In London

LONDON, Dec. 10, (Reuter): Field Marshal Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, arrived by air in London today from his visit to the Middle East.

Java Agreement Accepted

Statement In Dutch Chamber Clarifies Indonesian Union Scheme

THE HAGUE, Dec. 10. (Reuter): The Dutch Government announced to-day that it would authorise the Commission-General to sign the Cheribon (United States of Indonesia) Agreement.

The Dutch Minister of Overseas Territories M. Onkman told a tense Chamber that the wards "subject to the approval of Parliament" were to be regarded as having been deleted.

M. Onkman said: "By this signature the Netherlands Government binds itself only and exclusively to what has been agreed upon according to the explanation given by the Commission-General, while strictly observing the statements to be made by the Government in the present session.

"The Agreement does not determine the new rule of law, but is meant to give the basis on which it will be framed," M. Onkman said.

He added that a major part of the agreement, dependent on further negotiation between the Dutch Commission-General and the Indonesian Delegation, had still to be accomplished.

A memorandum from the Commission-General read to the Chamber stressed that the Cheribon Agreement was "not a Constitution, but rather a programme of principles. It is not a judicial but a political document", the memorandum said adding that the Draft Areement confined itself "to indicating the goal to be aimed at".

The Draft Agreement was initialled by the Dutch Commission-General and the Indonesian Delegation on November 15 at Cheribon. It provided for a United States of Indonesia and mutual reduction of the two countries' armed forces.

The declaration read to the Chamber by M. Onkman added: "The Netherlands State will become the Netherlands-Indonesian Union whose members will co-operate on a federal scale, whereas the former co-ordination of parts of the Kingdom were more individual.

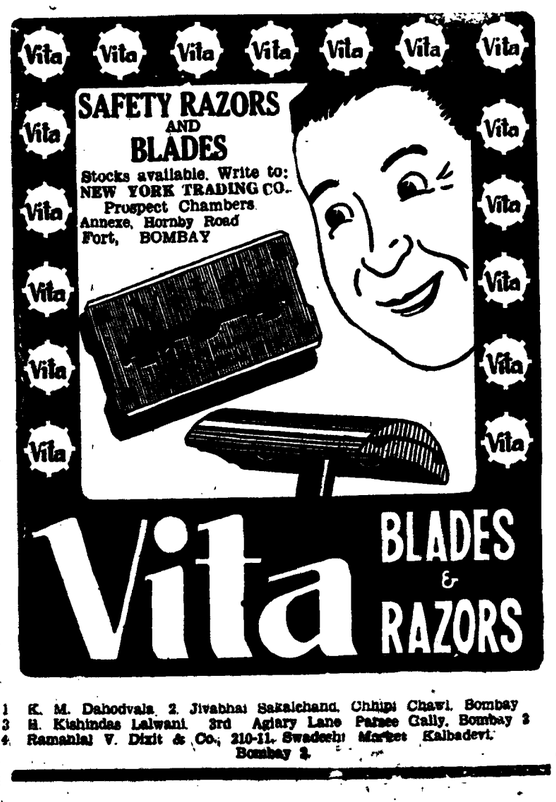
Co-operation through Union Agencies in fields of foreign relations, defence, finance, economic and cultural relations will be aimed at".

M. Onkman also disclosed that Queen Wilhelmina would be crowned the Head of the Union "towering above membess of the Union—as she does above political parties and groups of the Netherlands population".

Forged Dollar Bills In Paris

PARIS, Dec. 10, (Reuter): The American Army authorities in Paris have called in a Treasury Expert to try to check a flood of forged dollar bills in the French capital. It was disclosed today.

A gang is said to have inflated the blackmarket to the extent of 1,000,000 dollars mostly in well counterfeited 500 dollar notes.



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Ranji Trophy

Thakore Saheb To Skipper States XI

RAJKOT, Dec. 9, (A.P.I.): The Selection Board of the Western India States Cricket Association yesterday re-elected His Highness the Thakore Saheb Sree Pradyumansinh of Rajkot State as captain of the Western India States Cricket XI for their coming match at Rajkot on December 21, 22, 23, and 24 against the Gujrat Cricket Associations Cricket Team to be skippered by Vinoo Mankad in the Western Zone cricket competition for the Ranji Trophy.

GUJERAT TEAM

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 10, (A. P. I.): Following 14 players have been selected to form Gujerat XI. to play against Western India States at Rajkot on Dec. 21, 22, 23 an 24 in the Ranji Trophy:—

1. Vinoo Mankad (Captain), 2. Prithvira, 3. Phiroz Khambhata, 4. Vinoo Desai, 5. Guard, 6. Asu Patel, 7. Shodhan, 8. K. Kesari, 9. Dinesh Medh, 10. Ali Muddin, 11. Ram Hazare, 12. Bhardiwala, 13. Bhikhu Patel, and 14. D. Shodhan.

SUGAR SHIP RUNS AGROUND

SINGAPORE Dec. 9, (Reuter): The British-owned merchant ship 'Sampep' (7,219 tons) with more than 2,000 tons of Australian sugar for Singapore aboard, ran aground today on Salata Sinki coral reef, off Bukom Island, a few miles south of Singapore.

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M.C.C. SECRETARY ON SUCCESS OF INDIA TEAM IN ENGLAND

LONDON, December 10 (Reuter): In his opening address at the annual meeting of the secretaries of first class cricket clubs held at Lords today to confirm next season's fixture list, Colonel R. S. Ralt Kerr, Secretary of the M.C.C., said that the Indian touring team this year had met with success and that their Manager for the first time returned to his native country "with a credit balance in his pocket. They showed not only fine skill in the field, but extraordinary modesty in the pavilion and dressing rooms".

ENGLAND TEAM FOR SECOND TEST

SYDNEY, Dec. 10 (Reuter): The England team for the second Test starting here on Friday will be chosen at 9-30 a.m. (Local Time) on Thursday.

It is felt that Hutton, Washbrook, Edrich, Compton, Hammond, Yardley, Bedser and Wright are certain to be included. The question is whether any of the three—Ikin, Gibb and Voce—should be left out.

In England Ikin was regarded as an all rounder, but here Hammond rarely uses him as a bowler. It is thought that he will stay, although Fishlock would strengthen the batting and could be put in the outfield with Hutton moving to the slips or short-leg.

Gibb did not shine as wicket-keeper in the Brisbane Test. Evans might serve England better.

Voce bowled well at Brisbane without any luck, but he missed some chances in the slips where he gave away many runs. Hammond may, however, retain him because of his attacking value. Otherwise Smith or Langridge could be given a chance.

Probably the final eleven will again be chosen on the morning of the match from 13 in which case Thursday's announcement might be Hutton, Washbrook, Edrich, Compton, Hammond, Fishlock, Yardley, Evans, Hardstaff, Voce, Smith, Bedser, Wright with Hardstaff, as at Brisbane, most likely to be twelfth man with the last place again resting between Voce and Smith.

OXFORD BEAT CAMBRIDGE IN RUGBY MATCH

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter): Oxford beat Cambridge by 15 points to five in the Inter-Varsity Rugby Union Match at Twickenham here today. Oxford scored one goal, one dropped goal and two tries to one goal by Cambridge.

The Sportsman's Sportsfolio

Cricket Rulers Wise Decision Regarding Pataudi-Merchant Controversy

(BY J. C. MAITRA.)

I must congratulate Tony de Mello and his colleagues in the Board of Control for Cricket in India for giving an early burial to the controversy which has been raging in this country for some time past in regard to the rival claims of the Nawab of Pataudi and Vijay Merchant for the Captaincy of the Indian team which will visit Australia next year. It is true that they have taken the decision a little too early. In the ordinary course of things, the appointment should have been made after the present season was over—after we had seen both Pat and Vijay giving further exhibitions of their abilities as skippers. But if the selection were delayed further, I am afraid, our cricket atmosphere would have been vitiated by strong critticisms on both sides, which would have endangered the team-spirit of the players themselves.

Pataudi practically threw himself out of court by insisting on an unanimous choice of the Board of Control and also by refusing to play in the exhibition matches between the India in England XI and the Rest of India XI.

A WARNING TO VIJAY.

Now the burden of leading the team has been laid on Merchant. Despite his several weaknesses and failings he is the best man for the job in the country to-day. I hope Vijay has learnt by his recent experiences that a captain has to think in terms of his team as a whole—and his country—rather than self. He has not only to help in the selection of the ablest men—keeping aside all personal prejudices and predilections, but try to get the best out of them in every occasion. Discipline must be maintained at all costs no doubt. But a shrewd captain knows how to keep his men in high spirits. In this respect also, the Board of Control has acted wisely in re-appointing Pankaj Gupta as manager of the team. A jovial personality by nature, Punkaj has the special knack of keeping his associates in the best of humour always. If the players are selected with equal judgment and foresight, the success of the Australian tour will be assured in every respect.

ALL-INDIA CRICKETERS AT C.C.I.

It is a pity the Bombay match between the India in England XI and the Rest of India XI which commences at the Brabourne Stadium on Friday next has not been given sufficient publicity here. An engagement of this calibre and importance should have been publicised weeks in advance. But nobody seemed to know anything about it. The fault lies with the Board of Control and the C.C.I. However I hope the cricket fans of this city will wholeheartedly support this contest.

Pataudi having stood down, Vijay Merchant will lead the India in England XI while Prof. D. B. Deodhar will skipper the Rest of India. I have no doubt Vijay will make every effort to turn the table against his opponents in this match.

The novelty of the show will be employment of 8-ball-overs. This has been done with a view to give the prospective players for the Australian tour some experience in them, as they will have to face them there.

Young Swastik Cycling Club

The Young Swastik Cycling Club, which is affiliated to the Bombay Provincial Cycling Association, have arranged the following two events:—

1,000 Metres Sprint:—On Sunday the 2nd February, 1947 at Marine Drive under the U.C.I. Rules as interpreted by the B.P.C.A. 25 Miles Time Trial:—On Sunday, the 23rd February, 1947, on the Marine Drive, Queens Road circuit. The entrance fee is Rs. 2 per event and will be accepted upto 30-1-47 and 20-2-47 respectively from cyclists who are members of Clubs affiliated to the Bombay Provincial Cycling Association. For further particulars, and entry forms please write to either of the Joint Hon. Secretaries at the following addresses: Mr. Shankar Bhawoo, Merchant Chamber, Room No. 2, 3rd Floor, Worli, Bombay or Mr. P. D. Randelia, 262 Soparibaug, Parel, Bombay, 12.

KARACHI, Dec. 10. (A.P.I.): Dr. Rajendra Prasad, has been invited to Karachi to deliver the maugural address at the seventh session of the All-India Agricultural Economics Conference, opening on December 27 under the Presidentship of Sir Manilal Nanavati, Former Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India.

FESTIVAL MATCHES

Teams For Bombay And Calcutta

NEW DELHI, Dec. 9 (API): The following teams have been selected for the second and the third cricket festival matches, to be played in Bombay and at Calcutta respectively, between the India-in-England XI and the Rest of India XI.

Teams for the second festival match, to be played at the Brabourne Stadium, Bombay, on December 14, 15, 16 and 17.

India-in-England XI: V. M. Merchant (captain), D. D. Hindlekar, S. Mushtaq Ali, C. S. Nayudu, V. S. Hazare, V. Mankad, S. W. Sohoni, S. G. Shinde, R. S. Modi, C. T. Sarwate and Gul Mohammad. Twelfth man R. B Nimbalkar.

Amarnath is unable to play in this match because of an injured finger and Banerjee is unable to get the necessary leave.

Rest of India: Prof. D. B. Deodhar (Maharashtra) (captain), D. S. Doctor (Maharashtra), D. G. Phadkar, (Bombay), Narottam (Sind), M. R. Rege (Maharashtra), Gulam Ahmed (Hyderabad), H. R. Adhikari (Baroda), K. M. Rangnekar (Bombay), U. M. Merchant (Bombay), K. C. Ibrahim (Bombay), and Sarfaraz (NICA). Twelfth man—Mantri (Bombay).

CALCUTTA MATCH

Teams for the third match, to be played at Calcutta:

India-in-England XI: Merchant (captain), R. B. Nimbalkar, L. Amarnath, R. S. Modi, S. Mushtaq Ali, V. S. Hazare, V. Mankad, S. Banerjee, S. G. Shinde, S. W. Sohoni and C. S. Nayudu. Reserves:: Gul Mohamed and C. T. Sarwate.

Rest of India: Maharaja of Cooch-Bihar (captain), Maharajkumar Balendar Shah (U.P.), M. Choudhary (Bengal), D. G. Phadkar (Bombay), Fazal Mahmood (NICA), N. Chatterjee (Bengal), G. Kishenchand (Kathiawar), K. M. Rangnekar (Bombay), H. R. Adhikari (Baroda), K. S. Ranvirsinghji (Nawanagar) and S. K Girdhari (Kathiawar). Twelfth man—P. Sen (Bengal).

BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP OF INDIA

Bombay And Punjab Qualify For The Finals

JUBBULPORE, Dec. 10. (A.P.I.): The inter-provincial and All-India badminton championship matches were continued to-day at the Mitra Mandal Courts, Jubbulpore when several hardfought and exciting games were decided.

In the inter-provincial competition Punjab beat United Provinces by 3 games to nil while Bombay beat Delhi by 3 games to 1. Punjab and Bombay have thus qualified for the final of the National Competition.

Surprise was sprung when Miss Candile, a young player from Sind beat Bombay's seasoned player, Miss N. V. Wagle.

Most interesting encounters in the tournaments were the matches between V. A. Madgavkar and D. G. Mugve in men's singles and Miss Suman Deodhar and Prakashnath and Mrs. Faulkland and Chiranjiva in the mixed doubles. Contest between Miss Sunder Deodhar and partner and Mrs. Fernandez and partner was also very interesting but with her sizzling court drives, powerful smashes and clocklike precision Miss Sunder Deodhar scored over her rivals.

MADRAS RACES POSTPONED

MADRAS, Dec. 9 (API): The Secretary, Madras Race Club notifies revision of the Racing Fixtures as under "the races originally scheduled for December 14 will now be held on December 21, and those fixed for the 21st December will now be held on Tuesday, 24th December, 1946.

The races programmed for December 26 will remain unaltered.

Test Cricketer Offered Job

MELBOURNE, Dec. 10. (Reuter): The Australian Test cricketer, Keith Miller, has already been offered a situation following the appeal by Dr. Morton, President of the Victorian Cricket Association, to keep the player in Australia. Mr. Stack, Managing Director of Stack and Company, car distributors of Sydney, stated to-day that Mille. could start immediately a lucrative career as a salesman of car and accessories with good chance of promotion. Mr. Stack, who said that "it is stupid to lose Miller because we can't find him a good enough", saw the player to-day. Afterwards Miller stated that he would consider the offer and see Mr. Stack again in Sydney.

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ENGINEERING COLLEGE FOR AHMEDABAD

BOMBAY, Dec. 10, (A. P. I.): A new engineering college will start functioning in Ahmedabad from June 1948, following the acceptance by the Government of Bombay of the recommendation of a Special Committee appointed in March last, under the chairmanship of Sir Ardeshir Dalal.

Besides degree and diploma courses in engineering, as in the College of Engineering, Poona, the new college will cater for a post-graduate course in textile engineering as recommended by the committee. The diploma courses, for which affiliation to the Bombay Universaty is not necessary, will start from June 1947.

GOVERNOR'S INTERVIEW TO MORARJI DESAI

BOMBAY, Dec. 10, (A. P. I.): The Governor of Bombay granted an interview to Mr. Morarji Desai.

Protest Against Security Demand

MIRAJ, December 10. (U.P.I.): A resolution expressing strong protest against the action of the Government of Bombay in demanding security from the daily "Kal" of Poona, was unanimously adopted yesterday at a public meeting held under the auspices of the Miraj Hindu Sabha. Some amount was collected in the meeting itself as contribution towards the "Kal Security Fund".

Indian Historical Records Commission

The Indian Historical Records Commission will meet in Indore on 21st and 23rd December at the invitation of H. H. the Maharaja. The Hon. Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Education Member, Interim Government, will preside. More than 100 historians of eminence are expected.

An influential reception committee under the chairmanship of Captain H. B. Richardson, Education Minister Holkar State, has been formed. The executive committee is presided over by Sardar M. V. Kibe. Every attempt is being made to give the historians a graphic picture of Malwa Culture.

6 Months' R. I. For Possessing House-Breaking Instrument

BOMBAY, Tuesday.—Sarwar Banadur, who was arrested by the Police on November 11 for being found in possession of a house-breaking instrument in the Fort area, was today sentenced to undergo six months' R.I. by Mr. J. M. Barot, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Police Court.

Four persons were arrested by the Dadar Police on Sunday on charge of attempting to set fire to a hardware shop. They were ordered to be released on bail by the Magistrate.

Cutch Reforms Move

BHUJ, Dec. 10.

The Cutch State has made an official announcement of the Rajsabha and Grampanchayat Constitution Drafting Committee. The Committee consists of four officials, Naib Divan Mr. Ashar, Revenue Commissioner Mr. Sheth, Law Committee's president Mr. Shukla, and Exchange Controller Mr. Mehta, and three representatives of Parished Mr. Gulabshanker Amritlal, Mr. Bhavanji Arjun Khimji, Bombay's prominent Congressite, and Mandavi's Kalyanji Dhanji. It is stated that two vacancies of the Committee's nominated members from among the people will be filled in later.

Parished circles are perturbed hearing this announcement which is only a part of compromise reached between Parished and the State authorities on issues raised by Parished President. Names of Constitution Committee and declaration were to be published simultaneously in one and the same State Paper. The announcement was also to be made after consulting the Parished President. But this part of declaration announced now was it is understood not shown to the Parished President.

Weather News For Farmers

FORECAST TILL THURSDAY MORNING: Fairly widespread light to moderate rain will occur in the south Konkanpatti, the Bombay Karnatak, the Deccan, south Mawal, Marathawada, the Hyderabad Karnatak and western Telungana. Temperatures will fall in the north Konkanpatti, Khandesh and Marathawada.

OUTLOOK FOR FURTHER 2 DAYS: Weather will improve in the south Konkanpatti, the Bombay Karnatak, the Deccan and south Mawal.

Hajis Arrive

NEW DELHI, Dec. 10, (API): The pilgrim ship "Alavi" left Jedda on December 6. The pilgrim ship "Rizwani", carrying Bengal and Assam pilgrims, arrived at Bombay on December 8. The same day a special train carrying the pilgrims left for Howrah via Allahabad, says a Press Note.

Congratulations To Asaf Ali

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Municipal Standing Committee 3 p.m. (B.T.)

Today's Engagements

ASSOCIATION OF ELECTRICAL UNDERTAKINGS: Sixth general meeting in the Conference Hall of Bombay Electric Supply and Tramways Co., Ltd., at "Electric House," Colaba Causeway, at 4.30 p.m. today.

LOCAL BOARDS PARLIAMENTARY BOARD: Today at 4 p. m. at Shamru Castle, Mohamed Ali Road, to interview applicants from Broach District in connection with the election of the District Local Board, Broach.

The candidates, who are going to file appeals against the decision of the Local Boards Parliamentary Board will be interviewed by the Bombay Provincial Muslim League Parliamentary Board tomorrow Thursday at 12 noon in the Muslim League Office, Mohamed Ali Road

BRAINS TRUST: Today at 6.15 p.m. at the Y.M.C.A. Wodehouse Road Panel: Dr. J. F. Bulsara (Q.M.) Mrs. Mittam Lam Mr. H. J. Mullineux., Mr. J. K. Mehta, Mr. W M Hartwell and Prof. Pratapagiri.

FIRESTONE WORKERS TO GO ON STRIKE

The General Secretary, Firestone Rubber Workers' Union, has issued the following statement:—

All workers, about 1,000 of the Firestone Tyre and Rubber Co., (India) Ltd. will down tools from Tuesday the 17th December 1946 as a result of the crisis that has arisen due to the attitude of the Company towards the workers' demands regarding adequate leave rules, gratuity bonus etc.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS "GITA— The Scripture of the Soul" is the subject of a short talk to be followed by Questions and Answers today 6-15, p.m. at Jehangir Wadia Building, Opp. Flora Fountain.

FENTS QUOTA HOLDERS

It has come to the notice of the Textile Commissioner that quota holders in the City and Suburbs of Bombay, who submit stock returns to his office, enter only fents of superfine category under class XIV of the return. This is wrong. Stocks of all fents that are held by the quota holders should be shown under class XIV irrespective of whether the fents are of coarse, medium, fine or superfine category. Fents under no circumstances should be shown under any other class.

A-I PLASTICS MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION: Bombay, held at Taj Mahal Hotel, elected following office-bearers for the coming year:— Mr. J. V. Ruia, President, Mr. K. G. Maheshwari and Mr. Haji Hasanali Ebrahim Vice-Presidents. Hon. Secretaries: Messrs. J. N. Iyer and B. L. Ghia.

COMMISSIONER'S ROUND: The Municipal Commissioner and the Councillors of Ward No. 7, Dhobitalao Faneswady, will meet near the Junction of Princess Street and Girgaum Road on Friday 13th December 1946 instant at 8-30 a.m. (S.T.) to go round the Ward. The residents of the Ward who have any difficulties to bring to light are invited to be present at the appointed place and time.

The subject 'Minor Irrigation Works" has been allocated to the Minister for Forests and Agriculture, as a temporary measure.

R.I.N. EXAMS: The closing date for applications for admission to the Royal Indian Navy Examination to be held in February, 1947, has been extended to December 20, 1946. Rules and application forms are available from the Secretary, Federal Public Service Commission, Simla.

DASTUR BODE'S LECTURE: Today (Wednesday) at 5-45 p.m. at Mazagaonan, Alexandra Girls' School Hall, Waudby Road. Dasturji Bode will deliver a public lecture on 'Path of Salvation as Shown by Zarathushtrian Religion."

INDIAN CENTRAL COTTON COMMITTEE: The First All-India Cotton Forecast 1946-47 estimates will be exhibited in the Cotton Exchange (in the office of the East India Cotton Association, Ltd., and in the Trading Hall of the Association), Marwari Bazar, Bombay, and in the Cotton Green Building of the Association, Sewri, Bombay, at 3 p.m. (S.T.) today.

ASHOK MEHTA ELECTED

Mr. Ashok Mehta was elected President of the Scindia and Associated Companies Staff Union at a meeting held on Saturday last.

TODAY ON RADIO

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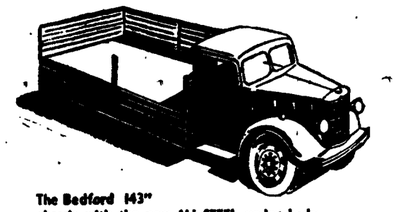

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Oh God, our Father, make us worthy of the trust which Thou hast placed in us. May we have bravery and devotion which befit these times. As a nation, may we have the warm courage of unity and the clear consciousness of seeking tried and precious moral values. As citizens, may we have the clean satisfaction that comes from the stern performance of our duty. May we have faith in the future of democracy, and may we build for a world of lasting brotherhood.

—President Roosevelt.

The Bombay Chronicle

DIFFICULTIES AHEAD

It is reported to be as good as certain that the Congress Working Committee will not make any statement on the British Government's interpretation of the State Paper as there is no need for any fresh or formal expression of Congress views on that document, these having already been repeatedly expressed. But the question now is not about Congress views on the State Paper but about the British Government's latest statement which not only seeks to foist its own interpretation on some clauses of the earlier one but also makes an important change in it. That change is made by the last paragraph of the latest statement which says: "Should a constitution come to be framed by a Constituent Assembly in which a large section of the Indian population had not been represented H. M. Government could not of course contemplate—as the Congress had stated they would not contemplate—forcing such a constitution upon any unwilling parts of the country." This condition was not in the statement of May 16. Its insertion certainly makes a radical change; and if Congress does not express any opinion on the change, silence may be interpreted to mean that the change was clearly implied in the State Paper. It may also be said that Congress does not regard the situation created by the new statement to be so serious or objectionable as to justify any formal protest. It is true that Congress attitude towards the statement can be seen from the action it will take in the Constituent Assembly. But it is still desirable for Congress to make it clear that, while it is bound by the State Paper of May 16, it is not bound by any interpretations or interpolations that might be made by the British Government from time to time.

It seems possible that Congress has deferred expression of its views pending the League's decision about entry into the Constituent Assembly in the light of the British Government's assurances. Assuming that the League will enter the Assembly very soon, Congress, it appears, will first make an attempt to settle disputes about procedure as far as possible by agreement before committing itself to any rigid attitude towards the new statement. We fervently hope the League will join the Assembly straightway on the strength of the assurances it has won from the British Cabinet. If it fails to do so in spite of the assurances and the interpretations it will put itself out of court and will gain absolutely nothing positive from non-co-operation. On the other hand it can gain much through negotiations with Congress on the basis of the State Paper of May 16. If at any stage it fails to get satisfaction it is free, like any other body, to revise its attitude in the Constituent Assembly and, if necessary, take its stand on the veto now offered it.

The question how disputes about interpretation of the State Paper are to be settled has been rendered particularly difficult by the British Government's latest statement. Before this statement was made it was believed by many that these disputes would be finally settled as a matter of course by the Federal Court on a reference either by the Constituent Assembly or a fairly large number of members thereof. But the Government now not only puts an interpretation of its own on some clauses but holds out a threat that a constitution contravening this interpretation will not be accepted by it. With regard to other clauses the Government only expresses a hope that the League will join the Congress in referring questions of interpretation to the Federal Court. But the "hope" suggests that the League need not refer these questions to the Court. It may suit the Government at any time to issue a fresh statement giving its own interpretation and adding a threat that it will not accept any constitution contravening that interpretation. Altogether, the new statement has created a number of difficulties in the way of the Constituent Assembly. But if the Assembly is sufficiently united it will not fail to overcome all impediments thrown in its way and to function as a self-directed and a self-governing body. Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the unanimously elected permanent President of the Assembly,—no better choice could have been made—may be trusted to guide its affairs with tact and firmness, to vindicate all its rights and, above all, to strive his utmost to proceed on the basis of agreement.

Frankly Speaking

Franco's Answer

The Sub-Committee of the U.N. Political Committee has drastically amended the United States resolution on Franco Spain so that the resultant resolution calls upon members of the United Nations to sever diplomatic relations with that country as it is governed or rather misgoverned today. Another and an interesting recommendation proposed by France and endorsed by the Sub-Committee requires members to end forthwith imports into their country of foodstuffs from Spain until the United Nations were assured that they were not urgently required by the people of Spain. Franco has been trading with the world and strengthening and consolidating his own regime by starving his unfortunate victims. This recommendation puts a stop to it. It also helps and relieves the masses. And the United Nations cannot, at least must not refrain from a minor self denial which renders two major services, one directly to the people and the other by weakening Franco. As to the short work that has been made of the American resolution, its core and kernel was a call to General Franco to surrender his powers. The Caudillo has already answered it in no uncertain terms. And, as if to leave no lingering doubts in the minds of the United Nations, he has just staged a huge dramatic demonstration also in categorical confirmation of his "No". In fact, he has answered back with defiant call to the United Nations Organisation to mind its own business which is, he asserts, to keep its nose and hands off Spanish affairs. In the circumstances, the United States resolution, which its delegate still proposes to bring up before the full Committee, loses its point, relevancy and even sense. It is ridiculous and absurd now to insist upon it. Only two alternatives are now open for those who wanted UNO to content itself with a "quit" invitation to General Franco; they should either recommend that UNO beat an undignified retreat into silent inactivity or agree that the Organisation should do something more practical.

Historic Vindication

The passage of the Franco-Mexican resolution by a simple majority of votes in the United Nations General Assembly was a foregone conclusion. Its acceptance by a two-thirds majority was a pleasant and extremely gratifying surprise. In his message of congratulations to Mrs. Pandit, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru says: "By passing this resolution the General Assembly has not only vindicated India's honour but has shown itself as a guardian of human rights. This is full of hope for the future of the United Nations Organisation and Civilisation". The historic verdict is a great victory not only for India but also and, in a sense, even more so, for the United Nations Organisation. Despite persistent and clever attempts to confuse and sidetrack it, the issue was simple and straightforward. Discrimination, inhuman because against the fundamental laws of humanity, was an undeniable fact. The laws of the South African Union Government are deliberately and specifically enacted to differentiate between man and man and to humiliate and degrade human beings because of race and colour. The fact was not in question. The issue, therefore, before the United Nations was whether they could approve of such a conduct by a sovereign nation and whether they did not bring their United Nations Organisation into being for the purpose of putting an end to such conduct, wherever and by whomsoever perpetrated, and for the purpose of protecting the world, humanity and civilisation against it. By giving the right answer to the issue the Organisation has vindicated its 'raison d'etre' and, as Pandit Nehru says, it has encouraged great hopes for its future and for civilisation. Hundreds of millions in this world who are interested in true human values will greet the decision with relief and warm appreciation.

India's Pride

India has special reason to be grateful for and gratified at the verdict. For, it was India which brought the case up and which was, in the first instance, directly affected by South Africa's discriminatory legislation. But the legislation affected also hundreds of millions of human beings and human principles themselves. India's fight was thus on behalf not only of her honour but also on that of humanity and human decency. This country and its people are, therefore, doubly proud of the leader and members of the Indian delegation who fought the case with brilliance, firmness, ability and dignity, which evoked admiration from the representatives of the world and recognition from General Smuts himself. Those distinguished daughter and sons of India have done well by their motherland. This country also expresses its thankful appreciation of the many member states who supported her case so ably in debate and so decisively in voting, especially when they knew that the case was confronting opposition by such important and big members as the United States and Britain. Incidentally, the attitude of Britain and the Commonwealth, especially after Mrs. Pandit direct appeal to them, cannot but be particularly noted with regret. It is a matter of some instructive significance for us.

Deserved Honours

Bombay city and Mrs. Mithan Lam may both be congratulated on the latter's appointment as the new Sheriff of the city. She is the first woman Sheriff in India and eminently deserves that honour. After a brilliant University career in Bombay she obtained the M.Sc. degree of the London School of Economics and was called to the Bar in London in 1923. An excellent speaker as well as a lawyer, she soon made her mark in the Bombay High Court but gave up practice eight years ago to devote herself fully to social service, in which she had always been interested. For years a champion of the rights of women,—she went to England as far back as in 1919 in connection with the Suffragette Movement—Mrs. Lam creditably represented the All-India Women's Conference at the Australian Women's Charter Conference held a few months ago. We have no doubt she will win many more laurels in various fields of service in India's new era of freedom.

Our Readers' Views

Appeal To Sardar Patel

Sir,—On the night of December 9 the Constituent Assembly was described by the B.B.C. as a body packed by the Congressmen and boycotted by the Muslim Leaguers. The B.B.C. news relay kept mum over the messages of goodwill sent by the United States of America, the Republic of China and Australia. The B.B.C. cut out the news of India's victory in the UNO Conference though it referred to other business transacted by that august body. The South African question is consistently kept out of the news by the B.B.C. service relayed to India. The communal riots are constantly referred to, but hardly any mention is made of Gandhiji's epic efforts for communal unity in East Bengal.

Week after week Herr Wickham, Steed, the B.B.C. Goebbels, boosts up the British Empire, throws bouquets to General Smuts for his magnanimity and what not, runs down the Soviet Union and refers to the Congress as a Hindu body. The B.B.C. can say what it likes and follow any foreign policy it prefers to adopt, but must we poison our listeners' ears by continuing to relay the viewpoint which is contradictory to our convictions? I request Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Sardar Patel to take serious notice of this misleading propaganda.

I would like to conclude this letter with a reference to the A.I.R., the cheap edition of the B.B.C. I am afraid that Sardar Patel's taking over the charge of the broadcasting department has not yet improved matters. The A.I.R. wastes so much time of the listeners on the cricket matches with several versions in the Indian languages, but it preferred to describe proceedings of the Constituent Assembly only in English. Mr. De Mello, the special commentator, forgot to say that the short speech delivered by Sjt. Kripalani was in Hindustani, but he remembered that Mr. Iyengar, the Secretary, is an I.C.S. The commentator waxed eloquent over the Gateway of India design on the coat of arms printed on the documents of the Bombay members. It is a shame that such an ugly structure like the Gateway of India should have first of all found place on a historic document. (The famous Elephanta Caves have escaped notice of the designer). The A.I.R. repeatedly announced that Dr. Sinha is the oldest member of the Constituent Assembly, but made no efforts to find out his age. The B.B.C. stepped in to say that Dr. Sinha, the first Chairman of the Constituent Assembly, is 75.

It is, indeed, surprising that a powerful medium like the broadcasting is allowed by Sardar Patel to continue under the care of inefficient and unimaginative officials. This Augean stable must be cleansed!

D. G. TENDULKAR.

INDIA'S STERLING BALANCES

Talks To Be Postponed Till Political Agreement Is Reached

LONDON, Dec. 10 (U.P.I.): Negotiations about India's sterling balances will be postponed, it is understood, on good authority in the opinion of Dr. Daltan and his advisers, the United Press of India is told, there is no point in opening negotiations until the Indian parties have settled their differences on constitutional issues.

Some reports from India suggesting that the Finance Member of the Government of India, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, intended to discuss the question during his visit to London have not so far proved true. It is claimed by Treasury officials that the clause in the Anglo-American Loan Agreement setting July 1947 as the date when arrangements concerning balances should be completed does not bind the British Government, if delays result from causes outside Government's control.

STERLING GRANT FOR MOON BLOCKED!

LONDON, Dec. 9, (Reuter): None of the 200,000,000 sterling which the British Government has authorised Sir Ben Lockspeiser, who was yesterday appointed the Chief Scientist at the Ministry of Supply, to spend the next five years of military and air research, including guided projectiles will be used on attempts to reach the moon. "It should be possible to reach the moon in theory" Sir Ben told Reuter 'but practice is a different matter. My department won't concern itself with these abortive attempts to reach the moon by rocket.

154 Polish Refugees Quit India

BOMBAY, Dec. 10, (API): One hundred and fifty-four Polish refugees, who had been in the Kolhapur camp embarked by S. S. Strathnaver for Naples on their way to Poland. There are still nearly 5,000 Polish refugees in the camp.

RULES AND PROCEDURE FOR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY

Animated Debate On Acharya Kripalani's Motion

NEW DELHI, December 10, (A.P.I.): In the second day's sitting of the Constituent Assembly a full and animated debate arose on the point whether the Rules of Procedure framed for the Assembly should be expressly declared to govern the Sections as well. The point was brought up during the discussion on Acharya Kripalani's resolution for the setting up of a Committee of Fifteen on Rules of Procedure and other matters.

An amendment to the effect that the Committee should be empowered to frame rules not only for the Assembly but for the Sections was moved by Dr. Suresh Chandra Bannerjee and was eventually adopted.

The resolution with the amendment was passed with only Dr. Ambedkar voting against.

RULES OF PROCEDURE

Acharya Kripalani, moving the resolution, pointed out that in the form in which it was circulated, it provided that the Committee should report on "Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, Sections and Committees". He decided to drop the words "Sections and Committees" because Sections and Committees were a part of the Assembly and the addition of those words was, therefore, superfluous.

Dr. Suresh Chandra Bannerjee: Is it the intention of the mover that the rules should also apply to Sections. In my opinion, Sections should be specifically mentioned here, because you know there are difficulties with particular Sections.

LET THERE BE NO AMBIGUITY

Dr. Shyamaprasad Mukherjee, supporting Dr. Bannerjee, said it would be safer to specify clearly that the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly should apply to Sections and Committees.

Mr. Kripalani: I think the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly include Rules of Procedure of the Sections and Committees.

Dr. Mukherjee said that the resolution as it stood, left it in doubt whether, when the Sections met, they would frame their own Rules of Procedure. The question would then arise whether the Constituent Assembly had authority to frame Rules of Procedure for the Sections at all. It would then be a question of interpretation whether the Rules Committee was entitled to frame Rules for the Sections. As it was the intention that this Committee would frame Rules for the Sections, we should make that clear now, so that there might be no ambiguity when Sections were formed.

Babu Parshottamdas Tandon supported the amendment.

RULES OF BROAD NATURE

Acharya Kripalani, intervening in the debate, submitted that the Assembly would make Rules of a broad nature and these would apply to Sections and Committees. If any Committees or Sections wanted any additional Rules they would be made subject to the proviso that such Rules were not inconsistent with the Rules made by the Rules Committee.

Sardar Harnam Singh agreed with Dr. Mukherjee, but suggested the word "including" should not be inserted but the passage should read..... "Assembly, its Sections and Committees". His suggestion, he said, was in accord with the Cabinet Mission's statement which mentioned Sections as Sections of the Assembly.

Sardar Harnam Singh also urged that ten of the members of the Committee should be elected and the remaining five nominated by the Chairman so as to give adequate representation to important minorities. Otherwise, he was afraid, the work of the Advisory Committee might be regulated to the detriment of some important sections of the House.

UNWISE OMISSIONS

Mr. K. M. Munshi, supporting Mr. Bannerjee's amendment, said that it would be extremely unwise to omit the words "Sections and Committees" because that would show that the Assembly was not the self-determining and self-governing institution which they insisted it was.

"Acharya Kripalani himself mentioned that if we leave the thing as it is, Rules could be made whereby you can lay down that Sections and Committees will not have power to make Rules which are contrary to or inconsistent with the Rules made by this Committee. That itself shows that it is competent for this Procedural Committee to regulate to some extent the procedure of the Sections and Committees".

In view of the debate that had already taken place, it was much better that the words "Sections and Committees" stood rather than leave the matter open to further discussion and points of order later on.

"It should be laid down definitely by this House that the Constituent Assembly is one and indivisible, that the Sections, as already pointed out, are the Sections of the Assembly, and that they may not form themselves into independent bodies which can make their own Rules inconsistent with the Rules of this Assembly.

Mr. Basanta Kumar Das asked for a ruling from the Chairman how far the Constituent Assembly would be entitled to give direction or to examine the work of Sections and of the Advisory Committee.

The Chairman said that he had no desire that his ruling should be dragged into the Federal Court and therefore would not give any.

JAWAHAR INTERVENES

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, intervening in the debate said: "This resolution was considered to be a formal resolution, but from the trend of the discussion it appears there are larger, fundamental issues in the minds of Hon. Members. Obviously we have got those issues in our minds and many of us hold strong views about them. If this discussion goes on, all manner of things, which no doubt will be considered at various stages in the House, will have to be considered now. In this particular issue, I doubt if there is any difference of opinion in the House."

ACCEPT THE AMENDMENT

"Undoubtedly", said Pandit Nehru, "the various Committees and Sections of the Constituent Assembly were a part of the House. Undoubtedly anything that was done in those Committees and Sections which came into conflict with the directions of the Assembly would have to be considered by the House. As this resolution is drafted—and I had something to do with the drafting—, I thought the original draft was the appropriate draft, but when this matter is brought up in the shape of an amendment, then obviously it becomes an entirely different matter to oppose that amendment because that becomes an expression of the view of the House."

The member from Assam brought the Advisory Committee into the picture. The Advisory Committee obviously and patently had to report to the Constituent Assembly. He took it that all Committees of the House would have to report to it.

Pandit Nehru suggested to Acharya Kripalani to accept the amendment.

ABSENCE OF LEAGUE MEMBERS

Dr. M. R. Jayakar said that on merits, he would have supported the amendment, but there were a few considerations which he wished to urge against an express mention of the words "Sections and Committees."

He urged the House to remember that "Sections" included "B" and "C" Sections and further that in the "B" and "C" Sections there was the likelihood—almost the certainty—of "A" having certain group of men who are not present here to-day and who may be present when the Sections begin to function". That group of men was not present in the House to-day owing to a feeling of some hostility.

WHY RUB IT IN?

"Would you like at this stage to legislate for them in advance or would you rather leave this question as included in the word Assembly instead of rubbing it in too much by the express mention of the word "Sections", which means Sections "B" and "C", he asked. He urged members to consider whether as a matter of expediency, they would not let the matter remain where it was, namely, that no Rules could be framed by Sections "A" and "B" and also "C" which were in conflict with the Rules of the Assembly. "Would you rather not let it rest on this very very wise provision? Or would you go further and rub the point in by saying that we here to-day, in the absence of that group of men, make it necessary that the Rules framed by the Assembly will also apply to the Sections, which is absolutely unnecessary, because all the Rules of the Assembly include the Rules of the Sections?"

WORD OF CAUTION

"I would, therefore, suggest this cautious proceeding in the absence of an important group of men who are not present here but who are watching these proceedings with a very jealous and suspicious eye to discover whether you are taking anything out of their hands. In deciding this in anticipation of their arrival, may it not interfere with their future arrival in a friendly atmosphere? Therefore I suggest that the words stand as in the original resolution of Acharya Kripalani."

SUPPORT TO AMENDMENT

Mr. D. P. Khaitan, supporting the amendment, said, "I have not the slightest doubt that whether a group of members are present or not, this Assembly has to proceed with its work in its entirety, irrespective of the question whether that group decides to join or not to join. We have got to carry on our work and I do hope that as timepasses, that group of men will serve the interests of the country as a whole by joining us and advising us how to shape the destiny of the country. But so long as they are not here, we should go on with our work with our heart in it and looking at the interests of the country as a whole".

PRATER SUPPORTS JAYAKAR

Mr. S. H. Prater (Anglo-Indian), supporting Dr. Jayakar's arguments said that Dr. Jayakar, pointed out the implications of the amendment and it would be good to follow what he had said. "We may all want to do this thing but not at this stage. There is time for it and, therefore, I whole-heartedly support the resolution as originally moved by Acharya Kripalani".

Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose urged that to settle all future disputes the House should accept the amendment.

Referring to Dr. Jayakar's speech, he said: "I do not think it will introduce any conflict at all in future. If this Assembly were to lay down Rules of Procedure which would govern not only the main Assembly but its Sections and Committees as well. On the contrary, I feel that it would resolve many a conflict in advance. If we are thinking that any conflict may arise between the main Assembly and Sections, we had better resolve that conflict now by including the words "Sections and Committees".

Mr. B. G. Kher said that the House ought not to leave any doubt that the Assembly was the supreme body. So far as the procedure that had taken place was concerned, it would be impolitic now to refuse to accept the words "Sections and Committees". We were not at all certain today whether the Sections were going to sit. The way out of it would be to give the proposed Committee powers to co-opt so that if the Rules framed were not acceptable to any section of members or if any suggestions were made the Committee might, from time to time, be able to suggest amendments and alterations which could be confirmed, ratified or rejected by the House.

A SUPREME BODY

Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram said that the Union Constituent Assembly was the supreme body and must have the right to frame Rules for its Sections and Committees. On this point, no room should be left for any interpretation. At the same time we had to deal with the possibility that those men who were not present today might join us at a later stage. If those developments took place, the suggestion made by Mr. Kher would meet their requirements.

KRIPALANI'S REPLY

Replying to the debate, Acharya Kripalani said that there seemed to be some misapprehension about the scope of work of the Committee and the time during which it would be in existence. "We have absolutely no Rules for conducting our business. The Rules would be more or less such as guide the proceedings of all Assemblies and these would be of a general nature. There is no doubt in my mind that more Rules will have to be framed by Committees themselves and by Sections. They may be called bye-rules or by any other name. This Committee will not frame exhaustive Rules. As for the question of co-option, it need not arise at this stage. This Committee is not going to be permanent.

"When any section of the House that is absent today decides to join, then if they have any objection to the Rules that have been framed, this House can always order them to be revised. I think it is a bad method to appoint a Committee and give it powers to co-opt when that Committee is being selected by the single transferable vote."

Referring to Sardar Harnam Singh's suggestion that five representatives of minorities be co-opted, he said: "There is already a provision that the members of this Committee be selected by the single transferable vote, and that includes all minorities. It is not good that minorities should be appointed by these ten people." He, therefore, opposed the suggestion.

As he found that there was a large body of opinion for including the words "Sections and Committees," he accepted Mr. Bannerjee's amendment (cheers).

The amendment was passed, only Dr. Ambedkar voting against it.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Earlier the Constituent Assembly spent half an hour discussing a lengthy resolution prescribing procedure for the election of a Permanent Chairman.

Acharya Kripalani formally moved the resolution and Pandit Nehru seconded.

Two verbal amendments were suggested by Mr Purujab Rao Deshmukh.

Mr K. Santanam invited the Chair to interpret what would be the effect of the amendments.

Dr. Sinha:—I am not here to interpret. Interpretation is a most dangerous thing (laughter).

After a brief debate, in which Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyanger and Mr. C. Rajgopalachari took part, the resolution was passed in its original form with the addition of a clause suggested by Mr. H. V. Kamath to enable any nominee to withdraw if he liked.

PROVISIONAL RULES

The House adopted a resolution moved by Pandit Nehru for the adoption, with such modifications as the Chairman might in his absolute discretion permit, the Rules and Standing Orders of the Central Legislative Assembly pending the framing by the Constituent Assembly of its own Rules and Procedure.

The House passed another resolution moved by Pandit Nehru confirming the existing organisation of the Office of the Constituent Assembly.

The Chairman, Dr. Sinha, said amid cheers: "In the very few days it has been my privilege to work with Sir Narsinha Rao (Constitutional Adviser) and his staff, I have received the greatest possible assistance and I am sure they will go on giving the same valuable assistance and co-operation."

The Assembly adjourned till tomorrow.

BREEZE IN HOUSE

Mr. R. V. Dhulekar (U.P.) caused a breeze in the Constituent Assembly today, when during the debate on the Procedure Committee he urged that the Committee should draft its Rules in Hindustani with a translation in English and that for all references, the Hindustani version be considered authoritative.

Mr. Dhulekar began to address the House in Hindustani. The Chair, asking whether he would not speak in English, remarked that there were members like Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar who could not understand Hindustani.

Mr. Dhulekar: "If they have the misfortune of not understanding Hindustani, there is no room for them in India, leave aside its Constituent Assembly". (Laughter).

He went on to say how shocked he was that the House of Commons and other foreign legislatures were held up before the House as a model for its adoption. He urged that the Indian Constitution should be thought out by Indian minds and expressed in the Indian language.

The Chairman called the Speaker repeatedly to order, declaring that Mr Dhulekar's remarks were entirely irrelevant to the resolution under discussion.

Mr. Dhulekar protested that as a member of the Constituent Assembly he had a right to express himself and insisted on continuing his speech.

Dr. Sinha speaking with some warmth called for order and asked the speaker to resume his seat. Members of the House joined in calling Mr Dhulekar to order and eventually Diwan Chamanlal and Pandit Nehru went up to the rostrum and shepherded him back to his seat.

"HE" INCLUDES "SHE"

Dr Sachidananda Sinha, Provisional Chairman of the Constituent Assembly to-day ruled amid loud laughter that "he" includes "she".

He gave this ruling on an amendment moved by a member who chivalrously suggested that women members should be enabled to take part in the Committees appointed by the House. He wanted the addition of the words "or she" after the word "he" wherever it occurred and "or her" after "his".

Dr. Sinha explained that the amendment was superfluous as in the eye of the law "he" includes "she".

Parsis And Constituent Assembly

The President of the Parsi Panchayat has sent the following telegram to the President of the Constituent Assembly:—

"Understand Constituent Assembly shortly appointing Advisory Committee for minorities. Essential Parsi representation should be commensurate with importance of community and contribution to political and economic life. Trustees Board of Parsi Panchayat request Advisory Committee should include at least one non-Party Parsi and suggest Sir Cowasji Jehangir or Sir Homi Mody."

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

Madrid, Dec. 9: Generalissimo Franco, climaxing a demonstration described by the controlled press as "a national plebiscite against foreign interference", told crowds massed before the National Palace today that "they will not take away our victory".

—Associated Press of America.

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Ninth December, eleven o'clock. The day and hour of destiny ....we had brooded so far when the Junior colleague—he has, we suspect, a sort of vested interest in the matter—broke in on our thoughts with an audible "wonder which is history. Ninth December or Ninth August".

That's the kind of thing the Junior colleague WOULD butt in with.

Consequently the spell was broken and you and the world have been deprived of a literary infliction.

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When the Constituent Assembly met, Dr. Sachchidananda Sinha, read messages of greetings and goodwill from a number of countries.

You, we are sure, must have been struck by the fact that conspicuous among those who didn't send anything was the British Government. But do not, we beg, rush to unfair conclusions. There are two very good explanatory reasons for it.

The first and obvious one is the main purpose of India's Constituent Assembly.

The second, relatively, obscure reason is relatively so obvious that it need not be mentioned.

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In his inaugural address, Dr. Sachchidananda Sinha, said of a Constituent Assembly: "this political method of devising a constitution for a country has not been known to the British....

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That lets them out. We mean that fully explains why when they formulate, they must interpret, re-interpret and so on and so forth.

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So India has won in the UNO Assembly. The victory is, of course, pleasing. But also depressing. The whole affair has left behind the conviction that Britain and her Commonwealth don't like us Indians.

Sad, very sad. But we shall have bear up. And——grin.

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Sir Hartley Shawcross, the British Attorney-General for South Africa was in great forensic form.

In a devastating reply to the Indian delegate he said: "Mrs. Pandit says she wants only justice. Is that all she asks for? Or did she want an emotional political verdict swayed by eloquent oratory?"

The same thing might have been said by Hitler of Winston Churchill's speeches which, we are sure, sent Sir Hartley Shawcross into a frenzy of world-saving crusadership.

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During a discussion on procedure and voting there was hearty laughter among British—not South African, mind you—delegates. And we don't mind admiring the tactical cleverness of those who got both India and the conscience of the Assembly into a trap.

But the Assembly got out of it by deciding that the matter was (1) important and then (2) even so important as to entitle it to a two-thirds majority acceptance.

The British delegates didn't laugh.

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Describing the scene after the verdict, Reuter reports that "S. African delegation, headed by Mr. Heaton Nicholls sat silently.....not a single delegate came to the South African seats....".

Even Sir Hartley Shawcross did not go down to hold Mr. Nicholls' hand? But obviously Sir Hartley himself badly needed that consolation.

C. R. JAMSETJEE MEMORIAL CONCERT

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A delightful concert comprising of items mainly by local talent at the C. J. Hall on Tuesday evening was well attended. The proceeds of this concert will go towards the upkeep of the Dr. Moos Memorial Wing for T. B. patients at the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital.

The programme for the evening featured some excellent vocal items by Jer Sabavala, Roshan Pundole and Colonel Huff. Good ensembles were given by Silloo Panthaki, Rushi Mody, Egidio Verga and Cecil Mendoza, who also accompanied a selection of 'Cello solos brilliantly rendered by Verga, and another group of violin solos played by Silloo Panthaki.

Crisis Brewing In Ahmedabad

Question Of Bonus For Textile Workers On Top Again

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 10.

A question of demand for bonus of 1946 by Majur Mahajan has become acute and it is learnt that a deadlock will be officially announced shortly.

It is stated that there are only two ways for a satisfactory solution of the bonus question. Either the Government should interfere or ill workers may go on General Strike. The mill-owners want to submit whole question to arbitration.

Mysterious Death At Base Of Qutab Minar

NEW DELHI, Dec. 10, (API): A post-mortem was held today on the body of Taradevi, the Czech wife of an Indian Prince which was discovered at the base of the 238-foot Qutab Minar yesterday afternoon. Following a search in her hotel room, the police found instructions for the disposal of her property, including personal effects said to be worth several lakhs of rupees.

The deceased is reported to have arrived in Delhi about a month ago. Yesterday morning, it is stated, she left the hotel in a taxi for the Qutab.

The body was buried in the cemetery near the Qudsia gardens in Old Delhi this afternoon.

MALAVIYAJI'S STATUE TO BE ERECTED AT BENARES

BENARES, Dec. 10, (API): The monthly "Shradha" ceremony of the late Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya was observed by the public of Benares at the Nagri Pracharni Sabha. Acharya Shyama Charan De presided. Resolutions were passed suggesting that Benares Cantonment be renamed as Malaviyanagar, that a life size statue of Pandit Malaviya be erected at Dashaswamedh Ghat and that the speeches of Pandit Malaviya be published in twenty volumes. Mr. V. A. Sundaram was appointed General Secretary for collecting 50 lakhs for the purpose.

SECURITY DEMANDED FROM PATNA DAILY

PATNA, Dec. 10, (A. P. I.): The Bihar Government have asked the publisher of the "Sada-E-Am," an Urdu daily of Patna to deposit a security of Rs. 1,000 with the District Magistrate of Patna by December 25. The security has been demanded for the publication of a news item in its issue of November 17 about the arrest of a worker of a particular community of a new market in Patna.

Indian Charged With Murder Of His English Wife

BIRMINGHAM, Dec. 10, (Reuter): A thirty-five year old Indian Mr. Ghulam Din of Sandpits, Birmingham, described as a pedlar, was at the Birmingham Assizes today charged with the murder of his English wife Doris, aged 23, who was found at her home with a throat wound.

MRS. LAM TO BE NEXT SHERIFF

The next Sheriff of Bombay, will be Mrs. Mithan Lam, who recently represented the All-India Women's Conference at the Australian Women's Charter Conference, it is understood. She succeeds Mr. A. A. Jasdenvala, whose term of office expires by the latter half of this month.

The office of Sheriff goes to a Hindu, Muslim, Parsi or Christian by rotation, and according to this convention it should be held in ensuing year by a Parsi.

Mrs. Mithan Lam (nee Tata) has the distinction of being the first Indian woman to be called to the Bombay Bar. After passing in the first class in the B.A. examination, she went to the United Kingdom in connection with the woman's suffragete movement in 1919. She joined the London School of Economics, where she obtained the M.Sc. degree. She was called to the Bar in London in 1923 and set up practice at the Bombay High Court. Eight years ago she gave up practice to devote herself to social work.

"Mrs. Lam and other members of the Bombay Presidency Womens' Council, of which Mrs. Roshan K. B. Bharucha is the President, are doing Medical and Social Welfare work at the Matunga Labour Camp."

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Smuts On Mission To Attlee

India, Palestine And Egypt To Figure In Talks

LONDON, Dec. 10 (U.P.A.): Diplomatic observers predicted to-day that South African Premier Jan Smuts will critize British foreign policy in his talks with Premier Attlee during his short stay in London.

Smuts opposed concessions to Egypt during the conference of Commonwealth Prime Minister's last May, and is expected to plead once again for vigorous defense of empire interests" in the last decisive stage of the negotiation in Palestine by terminating

As an old friend of Zionism, Smuts will urge the British to accelerate a solutton in Palestine by terminating the policy of "wait and see."

Smuts may advocate increased support for Greece whose territorial demands against the Bulgars and Albanians were backed by South Africa during the Paris Conference.

Top items on Smuts' official agenda were discussions of the Royal visit to South Africa and South African-Indian relations.

Smuts will leave London Thursday for Rome for one-day discussions on immigration problems. These talks will refer to South Africa's readiness to take a certain number of immigrants from European displaced persons.

U.N.O. RESOLUTION AND S. AFRICAN GOVT.

CAPETOWN, Dec. 10 (Reuter): The line which the South African Government is likely to take on the U.N.O.'s resolution on Indians in South Africa will not be known before the return of Prime Minister General Smuts to South Africa. In any case, it is unlikely to be announced before Parliament meets on January 18.

BRITISH MILITARY CHIEFS SUMMONED

ATHENS, Dec. 10 (Reuter): British military chiefs were among those summoned to a two-hour meeting of the National Defence Council to-day under the chairmanship of the Greek Deputy Premier, General Styliands Gonatas.

The matters discussed were not officially disclosed, but it is understood that they were connected with the reorganisation of the Greek army.

LACK OF PLAN AFFECTS INDIAN INTERESTS

Master Pleads For Experts Committee To Co-ordinate Activities Of International Delegations

KARACHI, Dec. 10 (API): Mr. M. A. Master, Leader of the Indian Delegation to the International Maritime Conference at Washington, in a Press interview on his return here today pleaded for extreme vigilance on the part of India about the constitution and composition of the various specialised agencies that may be affiliated to UNO and their general effect on Indian economy.

He deplored the lack of co-ordination amongst the different delegations to various international gatherings and said that Great Britain and the United States had, on the other hand, the entire plan of these agencies and were able to visualise the ultimate effect of these agencies on their national economy.

Mr. Master suggested the establishment of a special Secretariat in India to study the special problems coming up before international gatherings and promote co-ordination of the work of the various Indian delegations. India could gain the position of the spokesman of the East and Asia.

Asked why India had made certain reservations at the Washington Maritime Conference, Mr. Master said that it would be impossible for maritime countries which had their navies in the early and undeveloped states. Great Britain and United States and others had built up their dominant position in their national navies by adopting various forms of discrimination and national subsidies during the last 100 years.

He said, Indian Shipping Companies had been wiped out of existence by severe rate wars in the past by British shipping interests. If such rate wars were to be waged in future, India could not bring the question before the proposed specialised agency for redress, for the proposed Convention definitely stated that such questions would be outside its competence but the agency would remind the Indian Government that the Convention precluded subvention or assistance to her national shipping.

India which had to make a long leeway to build up its National Mercantile Marine could not afford to mortgage the future of her shipping affecting both her national economy and national defence by joining a na-specialised agency under such conditions.

Mr. M. A. Master left for Bombay by air today.

Normal Train Service Resumed On S.I. Railway Line

Goods Train Derailed On Mysore-Arsikere Section: Madras Govt.'s Move To Prevent Floods

MADRAS, Dec. 10, (A.P.I.): Through running of trains on the Madras—Calcutta North-East line was resumed this morning.

The breaches that had occurred on the line between Mihvur and Ennore within a thirty-mile range of Madras have all been repaired last night. All incoming trains that had been held up for the last three days now will arrive in Madras during the day. The Delhi-bound Grand Trunk Express left Madras this morning according to schedule. The Calcutta Mail and other trains on this line will leave Madras as usual.

Traffic on the Madras—Bombay North-West line continues to be held up. It is stated that the breaches that had occurred beyond Renigunta will take another week or so to be put right.

Meanwhile all Bombay bound traffic is diverted via Bangalore and Guntakal.

MADRAS, Dec. 10, (A.P.I.): Through running of train service between Thonganur and Buddireddipitti on Jalarpet-Mangalore section was resumed today.

INDIA—CEYLON RAIL TRAFFIC SUSPENDED

COLOMBO, Dec. 10, (A.P.I.): Owing to breaches on the line beyond Dhanushkodi, all rail traffic to India will be stopped until further notice, announces the General Manager, Ceylon Government Railway. Arrangement for a bi-weekly mail taraffic between the two countries have been made by steamer service.

All breaches on the broad guage section of the South Indian Railway have been closed and normal train service on the section has been restored today according to a railway announcement.

Both the Blue Mountain and the Malaba-Cochin Expresses will run to schedule from today.

The only section in the S. I. Railway where the breaches have not been repaired is the Trichinopoly-Manamadura chord line. The track is expected to be fit for train movements tomorrow.

Trains in all the other sections of the S. I. Railway, though started to time, are subject to delay at the destination stations on account of slow running at the breach spots which are still damp.

Breaches on the railway line between Kamudakudi and Paramakudi were restored this morning, and the shuttle services running between Dhanushkodi and Paramakudi are extended to Manamdura station, accoring to the railway authorities here.

GOODS TRAIN DERAILED

Owing to the derailment of some wagons of a goods train between Bele Gula and Mysore on the Mysore Arsikere section, through running on the line is interrupted, wires the District Traffic Superintendent, Mysore State Railway, Mysore. Through communication is likely to be restored by nineteen hours on December 11. Transhipment of passengers is being arranged.

Fifteen thousand hut-dwellers have lost their homes in the heavy rains in Madras city according to the latest official estimate.

The Madras Government are considering permanent measures for preventing a recurrence of flooding of the city.

TRAIN SERVICE ON MANAMADURA—DHANUSHKODI ROUTE RESUMED

MADURA, Dec. 10, (A. P.I.): The breaches in the Manamadura—Dhanushkodi section of the South Indian Railway have been closed and train service in this section was resumed today. But through communication to Dhanushkodi from Trichinopoly either by the Trichy-Manamadura Chord or by the Trichi-Madura-Manamadura line is still not possible as closing of the breaches between Sivaganga and Manamadura and between Madura and Manamadura is still not completed.

Big Haul Of Acid Missiles

Police Ring Round Calcutta Market

CALCUTTA, Dec. 10, (A.P.I.): The Calcutta Police carried out a big raid to-day in Northern Calcutta during the course of which a big force of policemen threw a cordon round an entire market. The target of the Police, however, was a number of shops and four blocks of residential buildings.

From the roof of one building, the police seized a number of electric buibs containing acid, as also some acid bottles, and glass tubes and ampules containing acid.

Following the search the police arrested ten persons.

CURFEW TO BE WITHDRAWN

The city of Calcutta, which has been subject to the curfew since the start of the disturbances in August last, will have complete normality restored when the curfew order is withdrawn from the night of Dec. 13.

There have been no incidents in Calcutta for some time now.

The Government in announcing the intended withdrawal of the curfew however warn the public that if there is any recrudescence of disturbances of a communal nature, the order will be reimposed in a more stringent manner.

ISMAIL KHAN CONFERS WITH U. P. GOVERNOR.

LUCKNOW, Dec. 10, (A. P. I.): Mr. Mohammad Ismail Khan, the Provincial Muslim League President, met Sir Francis Wylie, the U. P. Governor, this morning.

Mr. Ismail Khan is understood to have apprised the Governor of the happenings at Garmukhteswar and the present communal situation in the Province. The affairs of the Aligarh Muslim University are also believed to have been discussed.

Two Stabbings In City

BOMBAY, Dec. 10, (A.P.I.): "Two knife-attacks occurred on Tuesday, one in Parel and the other in Nagpada area", says a "communique" issued by the Director of Publicity.

The "communique" adds, "The first proved fatal, but the assailant was arrested. 14 others were rounded up in connection with the incident in Nagpada.

"Two minor cases of Stone-throwing, in one of which one person sustained slight injuries, were reported from Maharbowri and Kurla".

Six Injured In Police Lathi-Charge

MADRAS, Dec. 10, (API): Six persons were injured when the police made a lathi charge yesterday afternoon on the workers of the Sayani Glass Factory near Madras.

The workers, who were on strike for the past few days, are alleged to have picketed in front of the factory obstructing the entry of loyal workers.

The strike was a sequel to the management's action in terminating the services of some workers.

FORWARD TRADING IN COTTON

High Power Committee To Consider Issue

SURAT, Dec. 10 (A.P.I.): The question of allowing Cotton Associations in various centres in the Bombay Presidency to reopen forward trading in cotton will be considered by a High Power Committee of the Bombay Government during the next fortnight, it is reliably learnt here.

It is learnt that the Committee will consist of Mr. Vaikunth L. Mehta, Finance Minister, Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister, and Mr. Dinkerrao Desai, Minister for Civil Supplies in the Bombay Government. The Committee will call upon Associations in Bombay, Ahmedabad and Surat to state their case for reopening forward trading in cotton.

Forward trading in cotton was banned except in the case of the East India Cotton Association, Bombay and Karachi Cotton Association by an order under D.I.R. in 1942. This measure was then taken "to prevent unhealthy speculation that has increased in the cotton trade."

The Committee of the Bombay Government will decide whether "healthy hedging, devoid of speculation, could be promoted by these Associations."

SINGAPORE, Dec. 10, (Reuter): The Liberty Ship "Sampep" (7,000 tons) Operated by Messrs. Houlder Brothers which ran aground near Singapore yesterday was refloated today after being 26 hours on the Coral Reef at Selat Sinki off Bukom Island.

"Sampep" was towed into Singapore harbour with out showing any visible damage.

The only passengers on board were a family of five on way to Australia.

The cargo of 2,000 tons of sugar was undamaged.

Ceylonese And European Firms Involved

EXPORT OF GUNNIES TO SOUTH AFRICA

NEW DELHI, Dec. 10, (API): Inquiries made in official quarters indicate that the Government of India have energetically taken up with the Ceylon Government the question of re-export of jute bags from Ceylon to South Africa. On receipt of information that certain interests in Ceylon were making efforts to export used gunnies to South Africa Ceylon Government were approached to stop the export of gunnies from Ceylon. In view of the world-wide shortage of jute goods. The Ceylon Government, it is learnt, have agreed not to issue any further licences, but they have expressed their inability to cancel the licences already issued.

It is understood that the quantity already licensed for exports to South Africa amounts to eight lakhs of bags. These licences are held by four Ceylonese and two European firms. No Indian firm, it is reliably learnt, holds any licence for the export of gunnies to South Africa.

The Government of India's representatives in Ceylon have been instructed to do their utmost to persuade the Ceylon Government to cancel outstanding licences. While these efforts are being made, information has been received that exporters are busy loading gunnies on the steamship "Inchangha". More than 200,000 bags have already been loaded. It is not known whether the Ceylon Government will act in time to prevent this consignment leaving for South Africa.

Declaration Of Title To Land

Important Ruling On Jurisdiction

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tendolkar)

The Khandesh Spinning and Weaving Co. Ltd. .... Plaintiffs.
Messrs. Mulji Jetha and Co.
..... Defendants.

A decision of considerable importance to the effect that a suit for a declaration of title to land was a "suit for land" and the High Court had no jurisdiction to grant such a declaration in respect of lands situated outside the original territorial jurisdiction of the High Court, was given by His Lordship in this case on a preliminary objection raised by the defendants with respect to part of the claims in suit. The hearing of the remaining par of the suit on the merits was adjourned to 7th January 1947

The plaintiff-company alleged that the defendants who were its managing agents since its formation in 1873 till November 1940, had mismanaged the affairs of the company and had overcharged commission. The plaintiffs therefore prayed for accounts from the defendants since their appointment, or in the alternative for Rs. 60,000 in respect of overcharged commission and Rs. 12,18,653 by way of forfeiture of the entire commission received by the defendants on the ground of their misconduct in management. The plaintiff company also prayed for a declaration that certain lands purchased by the defendants at Jalgaon with the plaintiff's moneys belonged to the plaintiffs and for consequential orders to execute the necessary documents of transfer.

A preliminary objection was raised on behalf of the defendants that in so far as a declaration of title was sought in respect of the lands at Jalgaon, it was "a suit for land" within Clause 12 of the Letters Patent of the Bombay High Court, and the lands being situated outside its original territorial jurisdiction the Bombay High Court had no jurisdiction to try that part of the suit.

In reply to this preliminary objection it was argued on behalf of the plaintiff-company that the expression "suit for land" in clause 12 was confined to suits for the recovery of land and that a suit for declaration of title to land was not a "suit for land". On behalf of the plaintiff-company it was further contended that in any event, even assuming it was a "suit for land", as the defendants carried on business in Bombay this High Court had jurisdiction to try the claim in suit even in respect of the lands at Jalgaon.

JUDGMENT.

Observing that the expression "suit for land" was capable of three different interpretations—(1) suit for recovery of land, (2) suit substantially relating to land and (3) suit relating to land,—after considering various decisions His Lordship held that he had no hesitation in accepting the second of these interpretations as the correct one. On the light of this interpretation His Lordship held that a suit for declaration of title to land was a "suit for land".

The second question which arose was whether under clause 12 the High Court had jurisdiction to entertain suits of every description including "suits of land" if the defendants dwelt or carried on business or personally worked for gain within the jurisdiction of the High Court. This was a point on which the judges being equally divided in opinion in the leading case of Hatimbai vs. Framroz, the question was left open. Testing it in the light of recognized canons of construction—both in the light of the historical background of the former Letters Patent of 1862 and 1865 and of long professional usage—His Lordship came to the conclusion that residence or place of business alone would not confer jurisdiction in the case of a "suit for land" when the land was situated outside the Court's jurisdiction.

His Lordship therefore upheld the preliminary objection raised by the defendants and held that the High Court has no jurisdiction to try the suit in so far as the lands at Jalgaon were concerned and adjourned the hearing of the remainder of the suit on the merits.

Mr. K. A. Somjee, Mr. C. K. Daphtary Advocate-General, Mr. H. D. Banajee and Mr. M. M. Desai instructed by Messrs. Ambubhai and Diwanji appeared for the plaintiff-company.

Mr. M. C. Setalvad, Mr. V. F. Taraporevala, Sir Jamshedji Kanga, Mr. K. M. Munshi and Mr. M. L. Manekska instructed by Messrs. Dallas and Co., appeared for the defendants.

CITY FATHERS BATTLE OVER CURFEW DURING RIOTS

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Municipal Corporation after a heated discussion this evening threw out by an overwhelming majority Mr. N. C. Bharucha's resolution censuring the Government of Bombay for "betraying a lack of proper attention and care to the convenience of the public" by imposing on the citizens of Bombay continuously for three months curfew which "went far beyond the requirements of the case".

Mr. M. I. Rowjee, the Mayor presided.

Mr. Bharucha's resolution was due for discussion for nearly three months. This evening after the Corporation had disposed of some items he demanded priority for it which was given.

Moving the resolution Mr. Bharucha deplored the indifference of the Corporation in not discussing a resolution which protested against the curtailment of the liberties of the citizens of Bombay.

He continued that the imposition of eleven and a half hour's curfew order daily over two millian citizens, followed by a 48-hour curfew barely at an hour's notice on over a million people, inflicted untold miseries and hardships on the public.

He however, appreciated the difficulties of authorities in suppressing the disturbances and requested that the Government be intimated of this appreciation of the Corporation.

Concluding he said that the Government be requested "in future to have a due sense of proportion in promulgating such prohibitory orders."

Mr. B. J. Deorukhkhar seconded the resolution.

Mr. Motichand G. Kapadia opposing the resolution said that there was no necessity for passing the resolution. If curfew had not been imposed the situation might have deteriorated. It was mostly during dark hours that mischief-mongers were most active.

Dr. J. A. Colaco supporting the resolution observed that it was inhuman to impose 24-hour curfew, let alone 48-hour curfew.

Mr. K. H. Goregaoker opposed the resolution.

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta, speaking in favour of the resolution, levelled charges of incompetence and inefficiency against the Provincial Government. He said, being the representatives of the people the Government, aught to have shown courage, authority and resource in putting down the outburst of violence.

Mr. K. K. Shah opposing the resolution justified the action of the Bombay Government in imposing curfew in the city. "It was imperative for them," he said, "to check the forces of lawlessness and to fulfil their duty."

Mr B. N. Maheshwari strongly opposed the resolution.

Mirza Akhtar Husain opposing the resolution said that this type of post mortem would have unpleasant repercussions on the public mind. "Imposition of the curfew", he added, "is the least cruel type of infliction for restoring peace and tranquility in the city. The Government is fully justified in resorting to this measure in the interests of law and order."

At this stage closure was moved by Mr. Salebhhai Abdul Kadir and accepted.

The resolution was put to vote and lost.

Mr. Bharucha demanded priority for another resolution questioning the legality of the imposition of the curfew order, which was refused.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, Dec. 10 (A.P.I.): The Calcutta Stock Exchange looks slightly better to-day on renewed buying and a fair business was put through.

SIGNS OF NORMAL LIFE AT SRIRAMPUR

Volunteer Squads Assist In Harvest Operations

SRIRAMPUR, Dec. 9 (A.P.I.): Srirampur—where Mahatma Gandhi is camping—is slowly returning to normal life. Villagers who have been for so long staying in relief camps at Madhupur or Ramganj are gradually returning to the village, in some cases with their families. Many are still hesitant, pleading that there is no security of their life and property. Those who have already returned, however, are making attempts to bring villagers in the relief camps to a place of safety in the villages if they are unwilling to go back to their own homes.

Volunteer squads were seen harvesting in some places near Ramganj.

HOW BEST TO END QUARRELS

Gandhiji commenced his weekly silence before prayer yesterday.

In a written message to the small gathering that attended his prayer Gandhiji said that a friend had sent him a book containing the sayings of Prophet Muhammad. He read the book whenever he could snatch a few minutes time. To-day he tried to select something out of the book for them. Both Hindu and Muslim friends were assembled there and these sayings, Gandhiji said, were such that both ought to practice what they learnt from them. If men lived according to these precepts then there would be an end of all quarrels. They should be able to live as good neighbours even in spite of differences of opinion and of religious belief. He should now present them with the translation of two sayings. The first was this in the original book by Abdullah Almamun Alshua Nawardy. "Actions will be judged according to intentions." The second was: "Man is an unbeliever unless he desireth for his brother that which he desires for himself."

GANDHIJI'S TREK DELAYED

SRIRAMPUR, Dec. 10 (U.P.I.): It is expected that it will take at least a fortnight before Mahatma Gandhi can undertake his momentous mission of village to village trek on foot with a view to bringing together the two rival communities in East Bengal and inducing evacuees to return to their homes.

The delay is caused by the fact that paddy fields through which Gandhiji will have to pass are yet muddy and difficult to negotiate. It is hoped that within a fortnight's time the Mahatma will have also gained strength sufficient to stand the strain of walking long distances through narrow pathways, crossing dangerous and difficult 'shankos' (bamboo bridges).

During his forthcoming tour Gandhiji is likely to move from door to door and visit every house in as many villages as possible. He, therefore, would like to take the shortest possible route in every case and to try to save as much time and energy as possible.

MADRAS SHARE BAZAR

MADRAS, Dec. 10 (A.P.I.): Recent tired bull liquidation being over, a steadier condition prevailed on the market. Satisfactory turnover was completed in banks with Travancore outstanding at 41/10. Amongst other shares Travancore rubber and tea improved to 10/10 and Cambodias to 37/8. The market closed steady.

D. F. Karaka:

Off My Chest

"Sheriffs usually sit on pure, white steeds", say: an authority on old Bombay customs. Never having seen Abu Jasdanwala on a steed (except Valetta), I don't know how far this is true. However, now the saddle will have to be changed in view of the difference of sex of the new sheriff. I expect Mrs. Lam to sit side-saddle.

Abu the Peace-Maker finishes his term of office without having seen his plan (of Peace in 72-hours) accomplished.

I hope Abu the Peace-Maker will not lose his seat in the Turf Club Committee where, I understand, he will again be challenged

P. D. Bolton, the former Steward-maker of the R.W.I.T.C. is already active. His candles burn till late hours of the night on Cumballa Hill where he is studying form for the forthcoming elections.

There is no truth in the rumour that the R.W.I.T.C. are passing a new rule by which no one will be allowed to win the Treble Pool more than once. Had this been true, it would have been a serious blow to a certain Bombay Knight who specialises in this sort of thing.

I understand on reliable authority that a certain well-known racing paper, read by every Steward, Owner, Trainer and Jockeys (privately or in public) is about to change hands. It is to turn its attention from Sport to Politics.

BENEFITS OF TENANCY ACT

No Case For Any Confusion In Interpretation

It was made clear in the Secretariat to-day that the tenants of the province of Bombay will be entitled to tho benefits of the amended Tenancy Act which became applicable on Nov. 8 1946 and also the notification issued by the Government under Section 15 of the Act. There is no case for confusion on this point, it was stated.

SERVICES' WEEK IN BOMBAY

Dockyard Open For Public From December 16

BOMBAY, Dec. 10 (A.P.I.): As a part of the programme organised for the Services' Week in Bombay, H. M. I. Dockyard, normally closed to the general public, will admit visitors from Dec. 16 to Dec. 19, from 2-30 p.m. to 4-30 p.m. on each day.

In conformity with the object of this function—to present the armed forces to the public—the visitors will be shown round all departments of H. M. I. Dockyard and the working of each explained to them.

The citizens of Bombay will thus have a rare opportunity of studying at close quarters, the day to day working of this intricate and vast establishment of the Royal Indian Navy, which made such valuable contribution towards the repairs and maintainance of Allied warships in this theatre during the late war.

Owing to security considerations, which should hold, cameras will not be allowed inside H. M. I. Dockyard. There will be a small entrance fee of As. 2 only.

ART IN INDUSTRY EXHIBITION

Sir J. J. School Of Arts Students Win Prizes

CALCUTTA, Dec. 10, (A. P. I.): The following are the main prize winners of the 1946 Art in Industry Exhibition, which will be opened by Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru on December 13 at artistry house, 15, Park Street, Calcutta:—

Overseas Scholarship valued at Rs. 5,000—Kalayan Sen of the Delhi Polytechnic.

Scholarships in India valued at Rs. 1,000 each won by B. Mathur and B. L. Kaver—(both of the Sir J. J. School of Art, Bombay).

Gold medal for best entry in the exhibition, plus Rs. 600 in prize money—M. D. Gupta of Calcutta.

The total prize money of over Rs. 20,000 has been awarded to the entries which have come from 47 cities. Bombay has won approximately Rs. 9,000 of this prize money. The next biggest winner being Calcutta, followed by Delhi.

Prize money also goes to 6 other cities.

INDIA INTERESTED IN TANGANYIKA

Deshmukh Reiterates His Amendment To Br. Agreement

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (Reuter): The Indian Representative, Mr. R. Deshmukh, said that he would still press his amendment to the British Agreement on Tanganyika, claiming that India was "directly concerned" —in that territory when the United Nations Trusteeship Committee last night adopted the United States' proposal that approval of any terms of trusteeship by the present session of the United Nations Assembly should be subject to the understanding that no definition of the term "States directly concerned" had been decided and that no State had by approving any agreement waived or prejudiced its subsequent right to claim direct concern.

The Russian representative, Nikolai V. Novikov, considered adoption of the proposal a violation of the United Nations Charter and that, therefore, any agreements approved in accordance with its terms would be unlawful.

He was supported by Milan Bartos of Yugoslavia, before the American proposal was adopted, the Committee rejected the Russian motion to establish a Drafting Sub-Committee to work out the definition.

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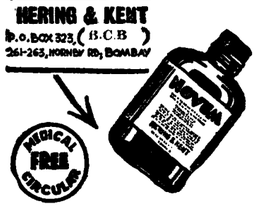

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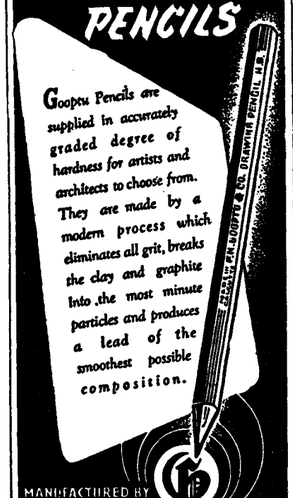

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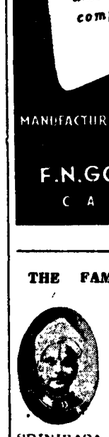

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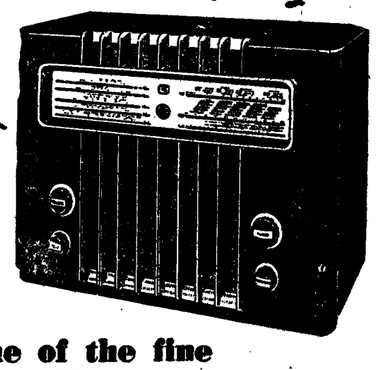

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SECURITY BEFORE DISARMAMENT

Shawcross's Plea At U. N. General Assembly

LAKE SUCCESS, (New York), Dec. 9 (Reuter): Guarantee of collective security before the nations should disarm was urged by Sir Hartley Shawcross (Britain) when the Sub-Committee of the United Nations General Assembly Political Committee resumed discussion of the United States draft proposal concerning general regulation and reduction of armaments.

Sir Hartley declared that the British Delegation attached a "good deal of importance to the obvious fact that disarmament and security must go hand in hand." He added, "Until the nations know that they can obtain some measures of security contained in article 43 of the Charter, they will not know when it is safe to reduce their armed forces, the two things are very closely interconnected."

SPANISH QUESTION BEFORE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Sub-Committee's recommendation that diplomatic relations with Franco-Spain be broken off came before the United Nations General Assembly's Political Committee for a decision today. M. Paul Henri Spaak President of the Assembly, presided over the committee in the place of M. Manuilsky who has been ill.

A strained and emotional atmosphere engendered by the subject especially among the Latin-American delegations produced long procedural arguments as to the process of voting.

Guillermo Belt of Cuba impassioned a plea against intervention by severing relations said: "My Government even if the rupture was recommended would not accept this recommendation. No country will dictate to my country what policy it will follow in regard to other countries."

The chair decided to proceed on the whole of the Sub-Committee's resolution. A preamble which contained parts of the United States, Polish, Belgian proposals condemning the Franco regime was adopted without a vote. The substantive part of the resolution recommending that Franco Spain be debarred from membership of the United Nations International Agencies until a new and acceptable government was formed was carried by 32 to five with eight abstentions.

When the section recommending the breaking off of diplomatic relations was reached, United States Senator Tom Connally moved an amendment appealing to General Franco to hand over to a Provisional Government so that free elections could be held. The question whether the United States would carry out any recommendation for severance of relations was a matter for the President and the Secretary of State and the United States must reserve its attitude in that regard. In a vigorous defence of the United States position Senator Connally denounced the policy of intervention saying: "It is in the doctrine of non-intervention that small nations have a haven of protection against the strong and powerful ones who might interfere in their affairs."

Poland's Oscar Lange the original mover of the demand for the diplomatic rupture said that Poland would loyally abide by any recommendation by the Assembly.

GESTURE WITHOUT DIFFICULTIES

British Delegation circles here view the United Nations Political Committee's decision on the withdrawal of ambassadors from Spain as a step which meets the requirements of the conflicting views as expressed in the debate. It is pointed out that the move constitutes a gesture without difficulties which would ensue from breaking off full diplomatic relations.

The withdrawal of ambassadors would still leave Diplomatic Staffs in Madrid, who would be able to watch developments in Spain and submit necessary reports.

DRAFT-TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENTS

Britain and Belgium supported by the United States today served a notice on the United Nations Trusteeship Committee that they reserved the right to refuse to put into effect any amendments which the committee may approve for inclusion in the draft trusteeship agreements.

The British Delegate Mr. Ivor Thomas said that the draft agreements for Tanganyika, British Togoland and the Cameroons had been carefully worked out and there was no time left for exchange of the numerous coded cables between London and New York on the proposed amendments. If the Committee approved certain amendments, they would have the effect of "simple recommendations", but the mandatory power reserved the right to include them in the text of the agreement owing to the confusion which ensued when it was discovered that many delegates did not have the essential documents or were unable to understand clearly those before them, the meeting adjourned until midnight G. M. T. (5-30 A.M. I. S. T.).

"INDEFENSIBLE AND UNDEMOCRATIC"

Australia's Norman Makin today called the Russian threat not to attend the United Nations meetings if the permanent home were chosen in San Francisco "indefensible, undemocratic and totally reactionary."

In an angry speech during which he frequently turned to the Russian Delegate M. Georgi Saksin, who appeared to be asleep, Mr. Makin said: "The Russian delegate's speech was not one that one could expect in a democratic body where the will of the majority must be respected. Support for a site in San Francisco showed every evidence of mounting. Finding themselves in danger of becoming a minority the Soviet delegation had nothing left but to offer the equivalent to a threat."

The United States Senator Warren Austin proposed a delay in the decision until the next General Assembly to allow investigation of the new suggested sites.

The Secretary General, M. Trygve Lie, disclosed that the cost of moving the United Nations personnel and equipment to San Francisco would be 1,820,000 dollars. The increased travelling costs for delegations and the Secretariat would be approximately half a million dollars. The cost of establishing the temporary headquarters at San Francisco is estimated at between four and five million dollars.

FOREIGN MINISTERS TO MEET IN MOSCOW

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—The Council of Foreign Ministers has decided that its meeting to discuss the question of the German Peace Treaty shall open on March 10 in Moscow.

No agreement was reached on the question of the appointment of special deputies for the German question but the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Vyacheslav Molotov, said he would consider the matter and there is hope of an eventual agreement.

The Deputies are meeting at 8-30 p.m. I.S.T. tonight and the Council of Foreign Ministers at 10 p.m. tonight.

All agreed to M. Molotov's suggestion that the next meeting be held in Moscow as the Council of Foreign Ministers has now met in London, Paris, New York and it is Moscow's turn by rotation.

The United States Secretary of State, Mr. James Byrnes, asked if the Soviet Government would give the press the same liberal facilities as were given in Paris and New York, and M. Molotov gave the assurance that this would be done.

This is interpreted in authoritative circles as meaning that censorship would not apply.

Indian Amendment Wins Approval

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 9 (UPA).—The Disarmament Sub-Committee voted 16 to two, approval of the Indian compromise amendment with two abstentions. The amendment was given to the Drafting Committee for final wording.

The Indian amendment recommended that the work on national contributions to the armed forces of the United Nations be accelerated. It recommended that "governments undertake progressive balanced withdrawal of forces stationed on non-national territories and an early withdrawal of forces stationed on territories of member States without their free consent and the demobilisation of national forces."

The amendment aimed at covering both the question of troops overseas and the United Nations security forces after Soviet delegate Andre Vishinsky objected to any "broad link" between disarmament and the Security Council's responsibilities such as a police force.

The Sub-Committee agreed with the idea though not the exact wording and decided that the drafting committee should put it into writing acceptable to the majority of the members.

Vishinsky agreed to vote for the amendment in response to an appeal from Britain's Shawcross for unity.

MID-EASTERN OIL CONNECTED WITH PALESTINE PROBLEM

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (U.P.A.): Harold Ickes, speaking at the New York Sadasah Organization on Sunday declared that the oil of the Midle East was bound to the Palestine and Zionist problems.

Pointing out that a year and a half has passed since the end of the war with Germany, Ickes said, "You and I have a right to know why Britain and the United States have not returned to the policy enunciated in the Balfour declaration.

Ickes added that it was only after the discovery of oil in Saudi Arabia that the King of Arabia became truculent. He said Britain and the United States were waging the price of Jewish blood against Arabian oil.

COMMUNISTS REFUSE TO HAVE U. S. CONSUL IN HARBIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (Reuter):—The United States Government has given up plans for opening a consulate at Harbin in Communist China "for the time being", a State Department spokesman disclosed at a press conference here to-night.

Mr. Edmun Clubb, who has been barred by the Communists from going to that city to take up duties as Consul-General, will work at Changchun.

Information received here confirmed reports that Mr. Clubb was not allowed to proceed to Harbin because of United States aid to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

AMRIT KAUR'S PLEA AT U. N. E. S. C. O.

PARIS, Dec. 10 (APA): A plea that UNESCO should avoid politics was voiced by Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Deputy Leader of the Indian Delegation, who called on the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in Paris yesterday to eschew politics, and then went on to remark that hunger and bondage, as well as international misdoings often caused wars.

The general session of the UNESCO adopted yesterday the programme for 1947.

FR. SCIENTISTS' PROGRESS IN ATOM RESEARCH

PARIS, Dec. 8 (U.P.A.): Nobel Prize winner Frederic Joliot Curie, member of the French Commission on Atomic Energy, told a gathering of scientists at the Sorbonne this week that French scientists discovered the trifission and quadrifission of the uranium atom.

Joliot Curie said the discoveries would enable important progress in the realm of atomic research for peaceful purposes. He disclosed that France at present is constructing two uranium piles which will be ready in two years.

Attacking atomic secrecy, Joliot Curie said: "We are struggling against secrecy of research in pure science. That is why we are going to set an example in bringing to the knowledge of scientists throughout the world these two important discoveries."

Rationing Officers On Corruption Charge

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Three officers of the City Rationing Department have got into hot waters following traps laid for them by ace detectives of the Anti-Corruption Branch, Bombay.

A few days ago, a licensed cloth hawker named Sajuddin M. Taherali complained to the A.C.B., that Inspector A. G. R. Mansoori, accompanied by Dy. Chief Inspector Syed Hussein Burhan and another employee of the Rationing Department, visited his room in Papad Chawl at Nagdevi Street and demanded Rs. 500 as illegal gratification to hush up an inquiry relating to some rationed cloth which had been found in his room. After much entreaty, however, it is alleged, Mansoori was eventually persuaded to agree to accept Rs. 200 which amount was subsequently paid to him through an intermediary.

Pending further enquiries both officers have been suspended.

The third Rationing Officer who is involved similarly is Inspector Hector Lopez attached to the Mobile Squad of the Department.

He, it is alleged, accepted Rs. 40 as a bribe.

A trap was laid to "nab" him as a sequel to a complant received by the A.C.B., from Namoo Yesoo Mohite, a resident of Reay Road. The latter alleged that the food grain ration cards of the inmates of his room had been retained by Inspector Lopez without any lawful cause, on the false pretext that they had infringed certain rationing rules. The Officer, however, it is stated, was prepared to refrain from launching criminal proceedings if Rs. 250 was paid to him as hush money.

Persistent imploration by the affected card-holders, it is said, made the Officer relax and finally he accepted only Rs. 40, promising to restore the detained ration cards to their owners. Inspector Lopez is also suspended.

38TH CHILD BORN TO FORMER BOMBAY MAN

CAPETOWN, Dec. 9 (UPA).—Mr. H. M. Ebrahim, famous ginger beer manufacturer of Capetown who was born at Arander District, Surat, Bombay, announced today that his fourth wife had borne him his 38th child.

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Early Rise In Share Bazar Meets Realising Sales

ACTIVE BUYING AND COVERING IN SILVER

Cotton Prices Move Within Narrow Range

BOMBAY, December 10.

The Bombay Stock Exchange opened very steady and continued its upward march under growing buying and short covering Some believe that the improvement is of a technical nature and cannot be relied. It is true that the main trend is down and the market has to face several uncertain factors There will be Xmas holidays and there will be less disposition to keep risks open over holidays . Under such a plea intending sellers are awaiting higher levels.

Tata Steel Dfd Shares opened Rs 30/- over Monday's close at Rs 2795/- and reacted at Rs 2782/- under scattered realising. At this level there was brisk buying and Dfds. advanced at Rs 2805/- and steadied at Rs. 2800/- Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 500/- and after improving at Rs. 506/- Steadied at Rs. 505/- Bombay Dyeings were neglected. At the opening Dfds were quoted Rs. 2680/- and after declining at Rs. 2675/- steadied at Rs 2680/- Kohinoor opened at Rs 878 and advanced at Rs. 887/- on better enquiry.

However the early improvement was lost in subsequent trading and realising sales wiped off the improvement. Tata Steel Defds declined at Rs. 2782 and Ordinary shares came down at Rs. 503. Bombay Dyeings downturned at Rs. 2650. Kohinoors were steady at Rs. 880. Simplex shares were quoted at Rs. 416. Andhras were done at Rs. 1850 while Trams were steady at Rs. 122/8. Central Bank shares gained two points at Rs. 119. Associated Cements closed at Rs. 231/4 and Scindia shares stood at Rs. 46/2.

Thus as a net result of day's trading Tata Steel Defds gained Rs. 17. Ordinary Rs. 5, Kohinoors Rs. 9, Simplex Rs. 8 and New Great Rs. 4, while Bombay Dyeings lost Rs. 17/8. The market closed quietly steady.

COTTON MILLS

Bombay Dyeing 2650 Century 1125 Nagpur 407 Swadeshi 706 New Great 558/8 Simplex 416/8 Kohinoor 880 Colaba 496 Gokak 365 Phoenix 1185 Mysore 330 Indian Bleaching 202 Swan 439 Finlay 376/8 Morarji 850 Indore 765.

STEEL

Tata Steel Deferred (129/8/9) X D 2762/8.

Tata Steel Ord. 503.

ELECTRIC SHARES

Tata Hydro 207/8 Andhra Valley 1850.

Tata Power 1935 Tram 122/8

CEMENT.

Asso. Merger 231/4.

INDUSTRIES

Burma 667/8 Alcock 585 Belapur 852 Shivrajpur 48 Steamer (Ord.) 732/8 Scindia 46/2 Premier Construction 300.

CASH SHARES (TEXTILE.)

Apollo 5/2 Elphinstone 101 India United (Ord.) 19/12 India United (Defd.) 4/5/6 India Manufacturing 4900 Kooria 346/4 Khatau 378/12 Lawn 1500 David 197/8 New City X. R. 267/8 Minerva 268/12 Bradbury 587/8 Bharucha (Defd.) 8/8 Bharat 64/12 Madhavji 24/12 Model 270 Laxmi 1930 Vishnu 667/8 Western 4800 Standard 600 Sholapur 8200 Sassoon Cotton 27 Hindustan 4900 Meyer 263/12 Edward 720 Tata 120/8 Ahmedabad Advance 530 Sassoon Silk 109 New Union 27/4 Poddar 386/4 Madhusudan 515 Madhusudan B 110. Srinivas 525. Rais Bahadur 145 Berar 500. Victoria 425

ELECTRIC SHARES (CASH).

Ahmedabad 188/12 (New) 120 Surat (Old) 258/12 New Pre. 211/4 Karachi 240 Broach 13 Ajmer 15/3 Amalgamated 20/12. Jaykay 14/12 Nagpur 58. Poona 260 Bombay Suburban 240. Bombay Suburban (New) 160

BANK SHARES.

Reserve 150 Imperial 2705 P. P. 660 Central 119 Indian 232 Union 14 Habib 186/8 International 45 A. B. C. 40 Dena Bank 70 United Commercial 120 Jaipur 80 Bikaner 33 Hindustan Com. 61 National Savings (fully paid) 82 (Partly paid) 54/8. Mysore 505. Exchange (Ord.) X R 72 Eastern 106 Bombay Provincial 82

INSURANCE

Orient 7200 Empire 1075 New India 100 Jupiter 44 Vulcan 19/4 Indian Mercantile 70 Universal Fire 20 Vasant 26/4 British India General 28/8 Industrial Prudential 61/12 Neptune 13/6 New Great 43 All-India General 49.

RAILWAYS

Ahmedabad Prantij 680 C. P 109 Pachora 95 Mandra Bhon 113

MISCELLANEOUS.

Burma New 244/6 Burma Petrol 5/0/3 Tata Oil X R 99 Mackenzie 197/8 Port Canning 105 Kemp 650 Zandu Pharmacy 202 Indian Radio (Ord) 377/4 Indian Radio B 375 Indian Radio 375 Indian Investment Trust 126/8 Wimco 460 Tata Chemical 17/8 Dharamsey Chemical 43/8 Mukund Iron 15/10 Dena Trust 25 Alembic 397/8 Supreme India 228. (New) 880. Jamwire 141/8. Bombay Uganda 85 Bombay Motor Cycle 43/8 India Cement 42 Walchand Nagar Industries X D 457/8 United Motor 66 A. C. C. New 110 Baroda Glass 10/14

PREFERENCE SHARES.

Tata Steel (1st Pref.) 255 Tata Steel (2nd Pref.) 181 Tram 55 Andhra Valley 1600 Tata Power 1307/8 Hydro 150 Bombay Steamer 352/8 Nagpur 787/8 Swadeshi 165 Vishnu 805 Laxmi 312/8 New Great 268/12 Poddar 116 Shrinivas 101 Elphinstone 135 Bradbury 570. Surat Elec 211/4.

Premier Construction (1st Pref.) 153/12. (2nd Pref.) 150/10. Amalgamated 156/4. Habib 72 Tata Chemical 143 Walchand Nagar Industries 250 Jupiter 19/12 Supreme 120 Baroda Glass 11/12.

OUTSIDE SHARES.

Indian Iron Steel 47/2 Bengal Steel 39/4 Indian Copper 4/11 B. I. C. 11 Burma Corporation 6 New Victoria 8/8 New Victoria Preference 9/4 Raja Preference 53 Phalton 152 Gold Monor 450 New Kaiser Hind 510 Sajjan Mill 400 Osmanshahi 430 Ajamshahi 435. Air Service X R 22 Birla Motor 11 Marshal 11.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

BOMBAY, December 10.

Tata Ordinary 503 Tata Deferred 4782/8. Indian Iron 47/4. Steel Corpn. of Bengal 39/4. Bombay Dyeing 2650, Central India 408/14. Gokak 365. Kohinoor 880. Simplex 416/8. Andhra Valley 1850. Tata Hydro 207/8 Tata Power 1935. Associated Cement 231/4. Belapur 351/14. Bombay Burma (Old) 667/8

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

BOMBAY, Dec. 10.

2 3/4 p.c. 1948/52	101-1
2 3/4 p.c. 1960	101-1
2 1/2 p.c. 1961	99-10
3 p.c. 1949/52	102-15
3 p.c. 1951/54	103-13
3 p.c. 1953/55	103-14
3 p.c. 1957 V. L.	103-15
3 p.c. 1959/61	103-14
3 p.c. 1963/65	104-0
3 p.c. 1966/68	104-14
3 p.c. 1970/75	104-0
3 p.c. 1986 New	103-9
3 1/2 p.c. 1947/50	101-12
4 p.c. 1960/70	116-0
4 1/2 p.c. 1955/60	117-12
4 p.c. Karachi Muni	114-0
4 p.c. B. P. T	116-0
4 p.c. M. Debent	117-0
5 p.c. M. Debent	122-0
6 p.c. M. Debent	128-0
6 p.c. B. P. T.	128-0

GOLD & SILVER

The Bullion Exchange was very steady today with improved demand and short covering.

Recently there had been steady upcountry demand for Gold as well as Silver. This demand is mainly responsible for the existing premiums over forward contracts.

It is now generally realised that short sales are not safe as the forward contract will mature within a month and now the Bears have no facility of carry-over of unprotected sales by paying differences Under the new contract the buyer has a right to buy on account defaulting sellers. This belief induced improved demand in the market

Forward Silver was Posh settlement opened at Rs. 129/12 and advanced at Rs. 130/12. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 139/- forward Gold opened at Rs. 94/4 and improved at Rs 94/14. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 99/8 and Sovereigns were placed at Rs 65/8.

Later on the market was steady and Forward Silver was quoted at Rs 151/2 while Gold found increased selling and declined at Rs 94/3.

There was continued demand for silver which improved at Rs. 132/8 closing quotations were as under:—

Ready Silver	139	8	0
Forward Posh	132	7	0
Ready Gold	99	0	0
Forward Posh	94	10	0

BOMBAY COTTON

The cotton market was quiet to-day with a marked absence of buying. Recently there had been active buying on hopes of higher ceiling prices and increased exports but there was no follow up on the buying side after the first outburst.

The market opened to-day at Rs. 497/8 for January delivery and declined at Rs. 466 on increased selling pressure.

January delivery declined at Rs. 485/8 but steadied at Rs. 466 on moderate short covering.

The market touched highest at Rs. 467/8 for January delivery but reached at Rs. 466/8. The market closed at 4-30 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. January	466	6	0
I.C.C. March	477	6	0
I.C.C. May	486	6	0
I.C.C. July	496	6	0
I.C.C. September	503	4	0

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton January contract is 1306 cent points below New York January at Exchange rate 331.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

BOMBAY, Dec. 9

	Highest	Lowest	Closing
Jan.	469	467	568½
March	479	477¼	4783
May	487½	485½	487
July	496½	4933	496
Sept.	503	499½	503

PLEA FOR FORWARD TRADING

BOMBAY, Dec. 10 (API): Representatives of the Surat Cotton Merchants Association waited on Mr. V. L. Mehta, Finance Minister, Government of Bombay, and requested Government to grant permission to their Association to engage in forward trading in cotton.

RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES.

BOMBAY, Dec. 10.

MILLS.

Apollo 5/1/3 5/2
Bharat 66 64/12
Bharucha (Defd.) 8/8
B. Dyeing 2685 70 87/8 70 72/8 50
C. India 409 8 10 9 12 7
E. Textiles 700 20
Elphinstone (Ord.) 101
Finlay 378 76 79 77 80 76/8
Gokak 369 66 71 65
I. U. (Defd.) 4/6 4/5/6 4/6/6 4/5/6
I. U. (Ord.) 19/15 19/13 19/15 19/12
Indore 768/12 70 65
Kohinoor 878 80 78 80 78 86 83 88 84 85 80
Meyer 262/8 65 62/8 63/12
Model 275 70
Mysore 330
New City 265 57/8
New Great 561 60 65 58 58/8
Phoenix 1185
Podar (Ord.) 385 86/4
Sassoon Silk 110 109
Simplex 415 18 16 18 16 22 16/8
Swadeshi 707 13 9 11 10 16 6
Swan 434 40 39
Tata Mills 119 18 20/8
Vishnu 675 77/8

BANKS.

Baroda 186 85 86/8
Central 120 119 17/8 19
Habib 198
Imperial (Old) 2700 10 5
Imperial (New) 661/4 65 60
India 234 32
Reserve 150
Union 14
U. Commercial 121 19 20

ELECTRIC COS.

Ahmedabad 188/12
Ajmer 15/2
Andhra Valley (Ord.) 1850
Andhra Valley (Pref.) 1600
B. Tramway (Ord.) 122 23 22/8 23 22/8
B. Tramway (Pref.) 55/8 55 55/8 55
Hydro 209/8 7/8 9 7/8
Power 1930 35

INSURANCE COS.

Empire 1060 75.
British India 28/8 28/12 28/8
New India 101/8 99/8 100

STEAMER COS.

B. Steam 730 32/8
Scindhia 46 46/10 46/2

STEEL COS.

B. Steel 38/12 38/6 39/4
I. Iron 46/12 46/4 47/5 47 47/2
Tata (Defd.) 2785 90 85 90 82/8 87/8 85 2805 2790 97/8 90 91/4 80 82/8
Tata (Ord) 501 2 1 7 6 7 3/8 5/8 2 3
Tata (2nd Pref.) 181

MISCELLANEOUS COS.

Alcock 585
A. O. C. 231 32 30/8 31/4 30/12 31/4
Belapur 351 52 51 55 53 54 52
B. B. (Old) 665 68/12 62/8 70 66/4 67/8 65 67/8
B. B. (New) 244/6
B. B. Petrol 5/1 5 5/0/6 5/0/3
I. Bleaching 200 4 2
I. I. Trust 126
P. Construction 302 5 300
Shivrajpur 48 48/8 48
Tata Chemical 18 17/8
Tata Oil 97/8 99
Wimco 460
A. C. C. (New) 110
New Union Mills 27/8 27/4
Ahmedabad (New) 122/8 25 20

PRODUCE MARKET

Bombay, Dec. 10

The Produce market was quietly steady with a restricted business. The market is now expecting early announcement of control and it is expected to chill the buying enthusiasm. Castorseeds May delivery opened at Rs. 109/14 and improved at Rs. 110/8 and steadied at Rs. 110/6. There was active buying by option dealers and rate improved a Rs. 112/2. Quotations were as under:—

GROUNDNUTS—			
December January	Rs. 21	7	0
January March	20	13	0
Khandesh Ready	123	0	0
LINSEED—			
Ready..	25	0	0
February March	23	2	0
TILSEEDS—			
Ready	40	0	0
December January	35	0	0
CASTORSEEDS— ..			
December February			
Navlakhi	23	12	0
Goa Delivery	25	0	0
Bombay Delivery	24	6	0
May Delivery	112	2	0
GROUNDNUTS OIL—			
Bombay Mills	16	2	0
Up-country Mills	16	0	0
January Delivery	14	1	0
Linseed Oil	17	4	0
Castorseed Oil	15	0	0

SALES OF TREASURY BILLS

Tenders for Rs. Two Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills were opened on Tuesday, the 10th December. Total amount offered was Rs. 2,09,00,000. Tenders at Rs. 99-14-3 were accepted in full. Lower tenders were rejected. Total amount accepted was Rs. 1,67,00,000, the average rate of accepted tenders being Re. 0-7-0 per cent per annum.

Tenders for Rs. Two Crores of Three months' Government of India Treasury Bills will be received on Tuesday the 17th December, 1946 upto 11 A.M. at Bombay and upto the close of business on Monday, the 16th December at other centres. Successful tenderers should make payment on Friday, the 20th December. Other conditions are as usual.

During the week ended the 6th December, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 6,02,75,000—were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

AMERICAN COTTON CROP ESTIMATE

The Census-Bureau estimates production of 8 482 000 bales as on 1st December.

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 10.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 Ready.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 31/32 Ready.

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/32 to 9th Months.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Months.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/16 to 4th Months.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Months.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/8 7th-9th Months.

London Banks Buying 90 d/st. 1/6 5/32 to 4th Months.

London Banks Buying 90 d/st. 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Months.

London Banks Buying 90 d/st. 1/6 7/32 7th-9th Months

New York B. C. Rate T. T. Rs 332-1/2

New York Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 332-1/2

New York Banks Buying T. T Rs 329-3/4

New York Banks Buying D. D Rs 328-3/4 under L/C

New York Banks Buying D. D Rs. 328-1/2 not under L/C.

Montreal Banks Selling T. T. D. D Rs. 333.

Montreal Banks Buying T. T. Rs. 329-1/4

Montreal Banks Buying D. D Rs. 328-1/4.

Paris Banks Selling T. T Fcs. 3550.

Paris Bank Buying T. T Fcs 3650

Amsterdam Banks Selling T. T. D D Fl 79

Java Banks Selling T. T. D. D —

Hongkong Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 84.

Singapore Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 157-1/4.

New York/London Cross Rate dol. 4.03 3/8-4.03 1/2.

London/Hongkong Cross Rate dol. 1/2 13/16-1/8 3/32.

London/Singapore Cross Rate dol. 2/3 15/16-2/4 5/32.

London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs. 479.70-480.30.

London/Belgium Cross Rate Fcs. 176 1/2-3/4

London/Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs. 17.34-36.

London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr. 14.47-50.

London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36.

London/New York Cross Rate dol. 4.02 1/2-4.03 1/2.

London/Montreal Cross Rate dol. 4.02-4.04.

London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl. 10.68-70

London/Java Cross Rate Fl. 10-68-70

London/Bangkok Cross Rate Tcl 40

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Dull

Gold London £8-12-3

Gold New York dol 35.

Silver London 25d-1/2

Silver New York dol 90-1/8.

London Discts. 3 Months 17/32 p.c.

London Discts 6 Months 9/16-5/8 p.c

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p.c. Bank of England Rate 2 p.c.

Money:—Call 1/4 p.c. 3 Months 1/2 p.c. 6 Months 3/4 p.c. 12 Months 1 1/4 p.c.

Tone:—Easier

C.P. AND BERAR SHORT OF JOWAR

NAGPUR, Dec. 10 (UPI): The rice crop in C.P. and Berar during the current season would be 10.3 annas in the rupee as compared with 12 annas in the rupee in the last season. The yield of Jowar would be 8 annas as compared with 9.2 annas in the rupee for the corresponding period.

This information was revealed by Hon. Mr. R. K. Patil, Food Minister, C.P. and Berar yesterday in a Press Conference.

This reduction in the returns, Mr. Patil observed, was due to the vagaries of the monsoon and had altered the position of the province in relation to the other provinces in the country—instead of being a surplus province, C.P. and Berar would positively be a deficit province, as regards Jowar, while the rice crop would be just sufficient to meet the needs of the province.

Inspite of this difficult position, the Food Minister assured no one would be allowed to starve in the province. Procurement would be carried on with vigour. Government proposed to procure, he said, 60,000 tons of jowar in Berar this season and added that the Provincial Government had asked the Central Government for an emergency quota of 3,000 tons of jowar to relieve the situaton in Berar. The Minister hoped that in view of the large contributions made by the Province during the last three years—viz. 5,60,000 tons of rice and 92,000 tons of jowar to the deficit areas in other provinces—the Government of India would make the allocation now desired by C.P.

HAPUR MARKET

HAPUR, Dec. 9.

Wheat 13/8 rice 27 grain 11/8 barley 10 peas 11 maize 10/11 bajra 10/8 jowar 8/10/6 bejhar 9/6/6 arhar 11 urd 15/4 moong 13/4 gur 12/8 shakar 14 arrivals 3500 mds. mustard 20 oil 46/8 oilcake 4/10 oats 12/8 methi 13 stock wheat 160 gram 2 peas 36 bejhar 48 barley 5 arhar 4 other 15 khattis bardana ready md. 79 dw. 82 chet 80/8 guwar ready 9 maha 8/13 vaisakh 8/3 silver ready 116/6 maha future 115/6 gold ready 79/8 maha 78/12 bullion declined further on poor speculative support and increased speculations.

NO CHANGE IN COFFEE PRICES

NEW DELHI, Dec. 10 (API): The Government of India have decided to continue the existing whole sale and retail prices of both raw and ground coffee during 1947, says a Press Note.

New York Cotton Moderately Active And Firm

SPECULATIVE AND REPLACEMENT DEMAND

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.

Moderately active trading and firm prices featured today's session of the New York Cotton Exchange. The settlement of the coal strike, the strength in securities and the advance in freight rates together with the smaller Government crop estimate were dominant influences. The rise was unimpeded until March neared 31-1/2 cent level where renewed hedging was encountered. A maximum rise dol. 4.25 per bale carried the prices to the highest levels since mid-November. Speculative and replacement demand as well as short covering furnished the principal demand. Trade and mill buyers were not aggressive on the advance. It is believed that manufacturers are holding off either because their requirements have been covered momentarily or are anticipating an year-end shut-down for Christmas holidays and year-end inventory taking.

Today's session opened 35 to eighty higher. Despite the late flurry of hedging, the market maintained a good undertone, finishing with net gains of 46 to 65

STATISTICAL POSITION.

Statisticians calculated that after export and domestic requirements are filled, to carry over at the end of the season next July will be around 3,000,000 to 3,500,000 bales compared to 7,500,000 bales carried over at the beginning of the season. This would be the lowest carryover in eighteen years.

The stepping up of registrations under export subsidy programmes suggests that exports for the season may run well ahead of the original estimates. The New York Cotton Exchange Service Bureau said that registrations thus far of 2,600,000 bales represented "assured" shipments. The Bureau saw the prospect for additional shipments between 400,000 to 600,000 bales which would boot the total exports for the season between 3,000,000 and 3,250,000 bales.

Optimism in the direction of exports increased with reports of continuing inquiry for American growth from France, Italy, Czechoslovakia, Britain, China and India. Hopes for a resumption of private trading with Japan and Germany next spring were also stimulating.

Messrs. Weil Brothers, Cotton Merchants in Alabama, today reported that offerings from first hands were light with the demand from merchants being strong and the spot basis being high. They said that mills have also placed considerable business for shipment into the spring and summer months. Because of the probable small carryover from present crop, Weil Brothers said that "more interest is manifested in the prospects for the next crop. The amount of acreage to be devoted to the new crop and the supply of farm equipment as well as fertilizers will bear close watching in the next few months."

Traders expressed the opinion that the settlement of the coal strike had cleared the industrial picture and the market is expected hereafter to center its attention on trade developments with the statistical aspects of the picture expected strongly to re-assert itself.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.

December	31.40+45
January	31.12+45
March	31-21+46
March Highest	31-49+74
March Lowest	31.21+46
May	30,66+56
July	29.25+65
October	26.33+53
December	25.76—
Middling Spot	32.25+45

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.

December	31.41+41
March	31.17+44
May	30.65+58
July	29.18+70
October	26.27+49
Middling Spot	31.35+45

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Dec. 9.

Consols 2½%	98-7/16
Conversion Loan 3½% 1961	£ 115
War Loan 3½% 1952 and further	£107-15/16
Funding Loan 4% 1960/90	£ 121-1/4
Victory bonds 4%	£123-3/4
Chartered Bank of I. A & China.	£11-3/8
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank	
London reg	£ 85
National Bank of India	£ 36-3/4

NEW YORK SILVER

NEW YORK, Dec 9.

United States price of foreign silver 88-1/2 cents.

LONDON BULLION

London Gold bars fine per oz. £ 8/12/3
London Silver Forward 55-1/2

LONDON WHEAT

Australian Wheat (Bulk) 87/- Dec/Jan. quoted.

CHICAGO WHEAT

CHICAGO, Dec. 9, (Monday).

January	2.09-1/2 to 2.09-1/2
March	2.02 to 2.02-1/4
May	1.93-3/8 to 1.93-3/8
July	1.79 to 1.79

RISE IN WHEAT PRICE IN CHICAGO MARKET

CHICAGO, December 9. (U.P.A.): Prices strengthened during today's session of the Chicago Commodity Exchange on mill buying of wheat against liberal export flour sales and a rise of four cents per bushel in the Minneapolis cash market.

BROADFRONTED GAINS ON WALL STREET MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.

Wall Street was on the offensive today, scoring nd maintaining broadfronted gains ranging upto 4 points in one of the best recoveries for some weeks. The combined effect of the return of coal workers and healthy boost given by the rail freight increases bolstered sentiment. It is believed that the administration stand against the Lewis may see greater union disposition to seek peaceful settlements. A late wave of profit-taking failed to upset Wall Street's equilibrium and led by steels, rails, farm implements chemicals, motors, buildings and department stores, the market finished at or around the days best levels with gains ranging 4 points or better in one of the most active sessions for many weeks.

American Telephone & Telegraph	166-3/8
Amerex Holding Co.	33-1/2
Anaconda Copper Mining	41-1/8
Chase National Bank	38-1/4
Sinclair Oil	19
Firestone Tyre Co.	56-3/8
General Electric Co.	37-1/2
General Motors	54-1/8
Ingersol Rand	124-3/4
International Nickel	33-1/2
National City Bank of New York	43-1/4
New York Central Rail Road Co.	19
Socony Vacuum Corporation	14-5/8
Texas Corporation	60-1/8
Union Carbon & Carbide	92-1/4
U.S. Smelting Refining Mining Co.	44-7/8
U.S. Steel Corporation Common	73-7/8
Western Union Telegraph	20-3/4

WORTH STREET TRADING QUIET

NEW YORK, December 9. (U.P.A.): Trading remained quiet during today's session of the Worth Street Cotton Cloth Market. Selling agents believed that the settlement of the coal strike plus the removal of the rail embargo would result in further allocations soon.

NEW YORK SEED QUOTATIONS

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (UPA): The following were closing prices of seeds in the New York Market today:

White Pepper 50 to 55 cents per pound nom. Black Pepper 50 to 70 cents per pound. Castorseed 250 to 285 dollars per long ton, Cottonseed 85 to 100 dollars. Flaxseed 7.50 dol. per bushel. Peanuts 18-1/2 cents to 19 cents per pound. Linseed oil 34.8 cents per pound.

FLEA AGAINST REDUCTION OF TEXTILE DUTIES

NEW YORK, December 9. (U.P.A.): The "Journal of Commerce", urging that cotton textiles duties should not be lowered, today said that American manufacturers are currently paying 13 per cent more for raw cotton than foreign manufacturers.

The paper said that "since the staple constitutes about 50 per cent of woven goods, the cost of this is an immediate production advantage of over six percent"

The U. S. cotton textile manufacture is in an unique position because never before has it been necessary to claim a disadvantage in the acquisition of the raw material, but a four cent export subsidy on the American staple results in foreign manufacturers underbuying those here, the paper said.

The Journal of Commerce also pointed out the difference in labour and other costs between American and foreign manufacturers.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS CHINA'S GOLD PRICE

SHANGHAI, December 9. (U.P.A.): Mr. T. V. Soong, President of the Executive Yuan, today held an important conference reportedly to discuss China's soaring gold price which closed at 286,800 Chinese dollars per ounce (about 57 U. S. Dollars).

The high black market rate for American dollars, which closed at a ratio of more than 5,000 to one, is also believed to have been discussed.

Business circles have alleged that the Chinese Central Bank has not allotted sufficient foreign exchange to importers despite the fact that their applications for imports was approved by the Special Board. The action taken by the Bank is also alleged to have forced importers to buy in the black market U. S. notes to cover payments.

TATA IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTION

Messrs. Tata Industries Ltd., Managing Agents for the Tata Iron and Steel Company, Limited, report the working of the Company for the quarter ending 30th June, 1946.

	Production. Tons.	Despatches Tons.
Pig Iron	273,700	11,100
Steel Ingots	262,400	.....
Semi-finished steel for sale	30,100	27,200
Finished Steel	154,900	143,000

Receipts.—The gross value of invoices of materials despatched during the quarter ending 30th June 1946, was approximately Rs. 499.20 lakhs.

DISPOSALS

The Director General of Disposals, B. G. Directorate, New Delhi, invites sealed tenders for the purchase and removal of the following stores:—

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(a)	BOILER PLANT: Wicks water-tube Boilers 250 H.P. Working pressure 175 lbs./sq. in complete.	3 in number
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	(ii) 500 K.W. 2300 volts. 3 phase 50 cycles, turbo-alternator complete with condenser etc.	1 in number
(c)	SWITCHBOARD 4-panel flat back type switchboard.	1 in number
(d)	SPARE PARTS FOR THE PLANT:	

LOCATION: Electrical Commissioner's Stores Depot, Shadow Factory Siding, Harduaganj, U.P.

SUPERSCRIBED REFERENCE: Tender No. DGD/BG-111/SR-41481.

LAST DATE DUE: 4th January, 1947.

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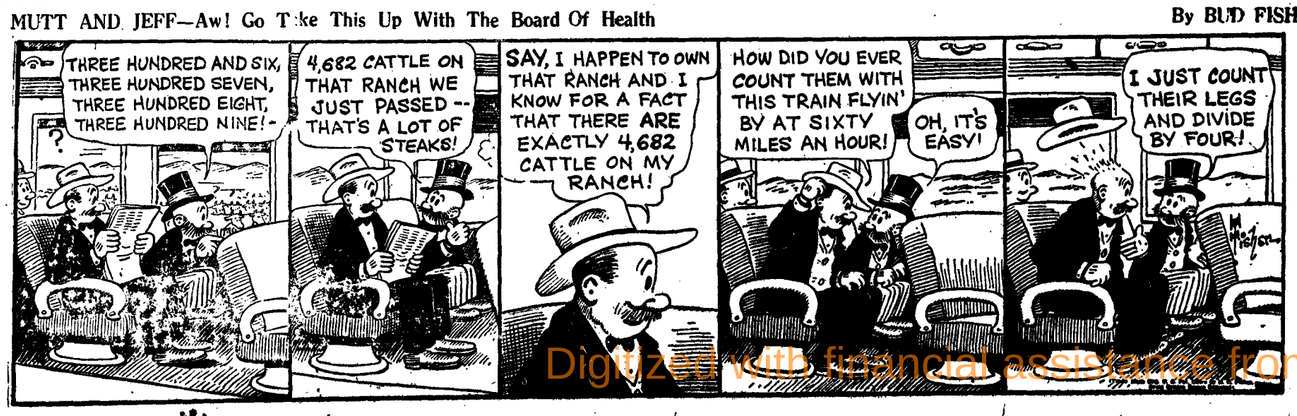
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G. I. P. RAILWAY

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(ii) Name of the destination station.

(iii) Invoice, Parcel Way Bill, or Luggage Ticket No. as well as Railway Receipt number and the date of booking.

(iv) Previous reference from the office of the Superintendent of Claims, if any.

(c) As far as possible a true copy of the Railway Receipt should be sent along with the letter of claim.

(d) The amount of claim should be stated giving details showing how it has been arrived at. The original beejuck (sale invoice) or a true copy thereof with English translation should also be submitted in support of the amount claimed.

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(f) All claims must be preferred so as to reach the Superintendent of Claims within six months from the date of booking as otherwise they will be time-barred under Section 77 of the Indian Railway Act.

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TENDER NOTICE

SEALED TENDERS are invited before 25th December, 1946, for the purchase of used and leaking empty oil tins of 4 gallons capacity lying at the Government Grain Godowns at Delisle Road (Old Mathuradas Mills compound). The tins can be inspected at the abovementioned Godowns. The tenders should be delivered at the office of the Controller of Govt. Grain Shops, 4th floor, New India Assurance Building, Bombay. The undersigned does not bind himself to accept the highest or any tender.

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NOTICE

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1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and the Audited Accounts for the year ended 30th June '46.
2. To declare dividend.
3. To elect Directors to fill up the vacancies caused by the retirement of Mr. Jagat Prakash Jain and Mr. Mriganka Kumar Roy. The retiring Directors being eligible, Mr. Mriganka Kumar Roy offers himself for re-election, but Mr. Jagat Prakash Jain is not seeking re-election and Mr. Hari Datta Bishnoi has been proposed to his place.
4. To appoint Auditors for the current year and to fix their remuneration. M/s. K. M. Gutgutia & Co., the retiring Auditors, being eligible, offers themselves for re-election.
5. Any other business that under the Articles of Association of the Company may be transacted at the Ordinary General Meeting.

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THE CHIEF ENGINEER,
M. & S. M. RAILWAY,
MADRAS,
for the
CONSTRUCTION OF QUARTERS (16 UNITS) AT CASTLE ROCK

up to 12 hours on WEDNESDAY the 22nd January, 1947.

Tender forms and other documents will be issued on application on payment of Rupees TEN per set.

Earnest money is to be paid in advance at the rate of Rs. 500/- per tender.

Value of work approximately Rupees Seventy three thousands. 987

TENDER NOTICE

GOVERNMENT CEMENT FACTORY, CEYLON

THE DIRECTOR of Commerce and Industries invites applications for permission to tender for the Civil Engineering Contract in respect of the erection of a large Cement Factory to produce 100,000 tons per annum at Kankesantural in the Northern Province, Ceylon. Only contractors with experience in this type of work should submit applications in writing not later than 18th December, 1946. If approved a deposit of Rs. 5,000/- will be required when tender documents will be issued immediately. Final date of receipt of tender January 21st, 1947. Deposit of Rs. 5,000/- will be returned on selection of contractor.

(Sd.) D. H. BALFOUR,
Director of Commerce
& Industries,
Colombo (CEYLON).
4-12-46. 965

BOMBAY PORT TRUST

SEALED TENDERS are invited by the Chief Engineer, Bombay Port Trust, for the supply and delivery of 58,000 Nos. blue stone sets for repaving railway sidings in Alexandra Dock.

Conditions of Contract, Specification, Schedule of quantities and tender form can be obtained from the Office of the Chief Engineer, Bombay Port Trust, on payment of Rs. 3/- per set.

No tender will be considered which is not made on the prescribed form and which is not accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 500/- by crossed cheque as earnest money. The deposit will be returned to the unsuccessful tenderers.

Tenders will be received upto 1-0 P.M. (S.T.) on Tuesday, 17th December, 1946.

F. M. SURVEYOR,
Chief Engineer.
Ballard Road, Fort, Bombay.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY PORT TRUST

MECHANICAL SUPERINTENDENT

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the permanent post of the Mechanical Superintendent, Bombay Port Trust. The present pay of the post is Rs. 1,450 per month in the grade of 1,450-75-1,750 plus free unfurnished quarters plus 17-1/2 per cent war allowance or as may be sanctioned from time to time. Salary will be fixed by the Trustees according to qualifications of the selected candidate.

Candidate must be of Indian Domicile and should be over 40 years of age. He should hold the degree of B.Sc. (Engineering) or be an Associate Member of the Institution of Mechanical and/or Electrical Engineers. A certificate of Competency issued under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894 (Board of Trade Certificate) or a Certificate of Competency under the Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1923 ("Colonial Certificate of Competency"), will be considered as an additional qualification.

Candidates should have long and varied practical experience of major Mechanical, Electrical and Marine Engineering Works, also maintenance and repairs of mechanical and electrical installations including pumping stations, workshops, dock machinery, quay cranes, and floating craft, such as, dredgers, tugs, launches, etc.

The selected candidate will be required to produce a certificate of physical fitness from the Chief Medical Officer, Bombay Port Trust, and will be on 6 months' probation, after which, if satisfactory, he would be eligible for confirmation in the appointment. The post is subject to the usual leave and Provident Fund Rules for permanent employees of the Bombay Port Trust as amended from time to time.

Applications giving age and full particulars of qualifications together with copies of testimonials, which will not be returned, must reach this office not later than 15th January, 1947, and should be addressed to the undersigned with the endorsement "APPOINTMENT OF MECHANICAL SUPERINTENDENT."

Any attempt to bring personal influence to bear upon the Members of the Board of Trustees will disqualify the candidate concerned.

F. M. SURVEYOR,
Chief Engineer.
Ballard Road, Fort, Bombay.
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DEPARTMENT OF FOOD (DIV. III)

Office of the Chief Director of Purchase, Jamnagar House, Monsingh Road, New Delhi.

TENDER NOTICE

TENDERS ARE INVITED for the sale of the undermentioned foodstuff (in full or in part) ex where lying:—

Tender No.	Store.	Approximate Quantity.	Location.
H/238(F)	Herbs Dehydrated.	2065 lbs.	No. 3, I.R.B.S.D., Panagarh.

Full conditions of contract of Sale and other particulars will be given in the tender form which will be supplied free of cost against written applications.

Tenders accompanied by Earnest Money, calculated at 5% of the total value of the tender, in the form of Deposit-at-Call receipt from the Imperial Bank of India or the Reserve Bank of India or any scheduled bank or Treasury Challan (classified under the head "Revenue Deposits") in favour of the Chief Director of Purchase, will be received upto 4 P.M. on Thursday the 2nd January, 1947, and will be opened at 11 A.M. on the following day. Tenderers or their representatives can be present at the time of opening of tenders.

Tenders shall remain open upto a period of 30 days from the date of receipt of the tender and, if the tender is revoked within this period, Earnest Money will be liable to be forfeited to Government.

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NOTICE

PUBLIC ARE HEREBY INFORMED that the partnership business carried on in the name of S. S. Kharote & Co., Shroffs, at Kalyan Building, Kandewadi, Bombay, between the undersigned and Mr. S. S. Kharote has been dissolved as from the 5th December, 1946. Mr. Kharote alone is liable in respect of all the debts and liabilities of the said business. The undersigned is no longer interested in the said business and is not liable for any of the debts and liabilities of the said business now or in future.

NADIN NARSINHA MURTY.
9th December, 1946.

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NOTICE

IT IS NOTIFIED for the information of all concerned that I have applied for naturalisation as a British subject under the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1914 and that my application is at present under the consideration of the Government of India. Any person who has any objection to such naturalisation may send his representation to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, New Delhi.

Name: Mrs. FRIEDA GUMPERT.

Present Nationality: Stateless (formerly German).

Full Address: 55, Marine Drive, "Ganga Bihar.", Bombay. 984

PUBLIC NOTICES.

SYNTETIC (INDIA) LTD.

SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Second Ordinary Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Company's Registered Office at 12, Sleater Road, Bombay 7, on MONDAY, the 23rd December, 1946, at 4 p.m. (S.T.) to transact the following business:—

(1) To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Audited Balance-sheet and Profit and Loss Account for the period ending 30th June, 1946.
(2) To sanction the declaration of dividend.
(3) To elect Directors in place of those who retire. All your Directors retire as provided by the Indian Companies Act but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.
(4) To appoint the Auditors for, the current year and fix their remuneration.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 16th December, 1946 to 4th January, 1947.

By Order of the Directors,
C. J. TRADING CO.,
Managing Agents.
Bombay, 28-11-46. 979

THE CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED

LOST OR MISLAID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following share certificates of the Central Bank of India Limited, have been LOST, MISLAID or accidentally DESTROYED.

5 Shares Nos. 18446/18450 in the name of Babu Haran Chandra Saha.

5 Shares Nos. 452121/452125 in the name of Laxmichand Zaverchand Sanghvi.

5 Shares Nos. 483576/483580 in the name of Maganlal Ranchhoddas Shah.

5 Shares Nos. 214468/214469, 213036/213037, 222191 in the name of Nanalal Laxmichand Sanghvi.

5 Shares Nos. 201500/201501, 216570/216571, 214526 in the name of Peshotan Dadabhoy Byramkamdin.

7 Shares Nos. 810876/810880, 682678/682679 in the name of Manmathnatha Dey.

Any claim in respect of the above-mentioned shares should be notified within one month from date to the registered office of the Bank viz., Central Bank Building, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay; otherwise duplicate share certificates will be issued to the respective abovementioned owners.

H. C. CAPTAIN,
Managing Director.
Bombay, 9th December, 1946. 985

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED for public information in accordance with Rule 8, Part II, of the Rules for Places of Public Amusement in the City of Bombay, 1914, made under section 22, sub-section (1) clauses (f)(1), (g) and (h) of the City of Bombay Police Act, 1902, by the Commissioner of Police, with the previous sanction of His Excellency the Governor of Bombay in Council that I, MANU SUBEDAR, Director, The Jupiter Cinema & Hotel Co., Ltd., propose erecting a Cinema at Marine Lines Road, Bombay, on the ground belonging to me, admeasuring about 3,424 sq. yards, numbered 40, 41, and 42 of the Government of India Queen's Road Estate and registered under Collector's New Survey Nos. 1825, 1826 and 1827 of the Fort Division.

Notice is hereby given that any objections to the erection of the said Cinema should be received by the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, not later than the twenty-sixth day of December, 1946, that is to say within fourteen days from the date of this notice.

Bombay, 11th December, 1946. (992)

AUCTION SALES

SALE AT BHIVANDI

AUCTION SALE of cupboards, tables, teapoys, furniture, 1800 ballies, etc., at Bhivandi Camp, Bhivandi on 13-12-46, at 11 A.M. (S.T.). By Order of the garrison Engineer, Kalyan. Purchaser will have to pay sale tax.

CRAWFORD & CO.

AUCTION SALE of about 1026 Lbs. Jogri, Ghee Shooks Nos. 360, Beer & Misc. bottles, etc., on SATURDAY, 14th Inst. at 11-30 A.M (S.T.) at undermentioned Depot under instructions from the Officer Commanding 502, Indian Station Supply Depot, Colaba, Bombay.

Terms: 25% Cash deposit.

GANDHI & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF THE STOCK-IN-TRADE OF RADIO SERVICING CO., WITH ITS GOODWILL (IF ANY).

Under instructions from the Court Receiver, High Court, Bombay, as Receiver appointed in Suit No. 1854 of 1946 (Pratap vs. Dorab) Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will on TUESDAY, the 17th December, 1946, at 3-30 p.m. (S.T.) sell by Public Auction at Habib Mansion, Queen's Road, all the stock-in-trade, such as radios of various kinds, radio and valve testing machines, valves, plugs, loud speakers and other radio acessories, furniture, etc., together with the goodwill (if any) of Radio Servicing Co., in one or separate lots.

Terms: 25% Cash Deposit Purchasers will have to pay Sale Tax.

On view from 14th inst.

BENNETT & CO.

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY PORT TRUST

TENDERS will be received by the Controller of Stores, Bombay Port Trust, at his Office at Clarke Bunder, Mazagon, Bombay. No. 10, upto 1 p.m. (S.T.) on Wednesday, the 8th January, 1947, for the supply of 30 tons Paint, zinc, white, moist, genuine.

Tender forms giving full particulars, can be obtained from the office of the undersigned on payment of Re. 1|- per copy, which will NOT be sent per V.P.P.

R. C. MASTER,
Controller of Stores.
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CONVALESCENCE SHORTENED.

For rapid recovery after an illness operation, VINKOLA, rich in nouriment and energy-creating powers the safe, sure tonic for persons of ages.

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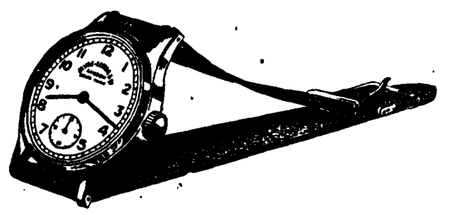
Since the days when the sundial shadowed the passing hours, time has grown in importance. That's why everyone wants a Favre-Leuba timepiece, the aristocrat of all watches, elegant and with precision accuracy. Although, at present, they are hard to obtain, one day your patience will be rewarded.



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The Parsees, with their instinctive appreciation of the better way of living, have long adopted tea as a necessity in everyday life.

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